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Greece v England, European

WIN

ENGLAND travel to face Greece in a crucial European Championship qualifier next Wednesday, desperate to make up for the first two disappointing results under the reign of new England manager Bobby Robson.

A draw in Denmark and then defeat in the prestige friendly

ENGLAND can't afford to lose against Greece.

To go two games without a victory in such a competitive group would make life difficult for us.

But make no mistake, it's going to be a tricky game.

The hostile and partisan crowd will make it very difficult and I'm sure the Greek side are no mugs.

There has been a great levelling off in world football and that means there just aren't any easy internationals any more.

GRAHAM: England are expected to win, Steve, but I agree — it won't be that easy.

If Arsenal's UEFA Cup experience of last season is anything to go by, then we should be prepared for constant abuse and whistling from their fans during the match.

That was the situation we faced at club level in September last year when we defeated Panathinaikos 2-0 in the first leg of our First Round tie.

There were around 5,000 people in the stadium to watch us train on the day before the match and we were greeted by rotten apples, tomatoes and spitting as we trooped out of the tunnel.

If can be a rather frightening experience for younger players and certainly one or two members of our squad were stunned by the crowd's reaction.

But when you reach international level, you should be experienced enough to shut that kind of treatment out of your mind and concentrate on the job in hand.

I don't think any of England's players will be affected by the antics of the Greek fans but it's not a pleasant experience all the same.

STEVE: The Greeks have changed the venue from the Olympic Stadium in Athens to Salonika and that could give them a slight advantage, Graham.

The Salonika ground is more enclosed and the fans will be almost on top of us, rather than on the other side of a running track as they would have been in the huge Athens stadium.

But it's no use the players worrying about the venue. All we must worry about is getting a result.

GRAHAM: I haven't played in Salonika, Steve, but I can't imagine the playing surface being up to the usual standards we are accustomed to at international level.

The one we played on was very bumpy and made control difficult.

Then you've got the sticky weather to contend with and no mean measure of skill from the home players.

Although I don't feel the Greeks will be capable of matching Denmark's outstanding form of two months ago when we were rather



Steve Coppell — "We'll really miss Ray Wilkins."

● **READ what skipper Graeme Souness has to say about Scotland's clash with Switzerland on Page 7.**

● **CELTIC'S Pat Bonner and Sunderland's Jimmy Nicholl are featured in the previews for Eire's clash with Spain and Northern Ireland's meeting with West Germany — Pages 14 and 15.**

Championship qualifier, Wednesday, November 17 . . .

AT ALL COSTS, ENGLAND!

against West Germany at Wembley means England must win at all costs in Salonica.

Here, regular 'Match' columnists Steve Coppel of Manchester United and Arsenal's Graham Rix talk exclusively about the task at hand. It's Steve that kicks off . . .

fortunate to return with a point, there is no disputing England face a demanding test.

The Greeks are an unknown quantity to us at international level because we haven't played them for more than ten years and I just hope we don't get caught cold on the night.

If they achieve a taste of success early on, the wave of hysteria generated by their fervent followers could set them up for a prized victory.

It's essential England dictate from the first whistle and deny them space to create even the semblance of a chance.

If we can slow the game down to our pace, it will remove the sting from their players and fans and will make life a little easier.

*by Graham
Rix and
Steve Coppel*

The Greeks will be prepared to run all over the park for the whole ninety minutes so it's important for England to keep them on a leash.

From a personal point of view, I just hope to retain my place in the squad.

STEVE: Well, as you know Graham, I've missed the first two games under Bobby Robson's control because of a knee injury so I'm obviously hoping to figure in his plans this time.

I must admit I've missed the England involvement an awful lot.

At times, you tend to take things like that for granted. It's only when you are on the sidelines that you realise how much you miss it.

I went down to Wembley for the friendly against West Germany and I had itchy feet. I just wanted to be out there playing.

GRAHAM: I lost my place to West Ham's Alan Devonshire for that game and I thought he played very well.

He's in top form for his club and I see him as my main rival for that wide berth on the left of England's midfield.

At the moment, I suppose you could say that I am challenging 'Dev' for the role as he's the man currently in the side.

There will have to be one change in midfield of course, Steve, with your Manchester United team-mate Ray Wilkins out of action.

STEVE: Yes, he fractured his cheekbone in our Milk Cup tie with Bournemouth a couple of weeks back and his absence is a major blow.

He has taken a lot of unjustified criticism in the past — particularly for his England performances — but we'll really miss him.

People just don't realise how important he is to United and England. Perhaps they will when he's not there in the heart of midfield.

United's first game without Ray was at West Ham. We lost 3-1 and it brought it home to me just how much we owe to him.

He's the lubricant of the side. He makes sure everything is running smoothly and, when he's on form, you can bet that United and England are on form.

He's also a very good captain. He leads by example and encouragement. If you do something good in a game, Ray is the first one to congratulate you.

GRAHAM: Ray is obviously very experienced and it's going to be interesting to see whether manager Bobby Robson goes for players like that or instead retains some of the younger players who got their chances against Germany.

It's a crucial fixture against Greece but we shall just have to wait and see.

STEVE: I agree Graham. It will be interesting.

The young experimental side did very well against the Germans and it was only in the closing stages that the European Champions' strength and organisation took over.

It was an exciting squad and I expected a few of those youngsters to be retained for the Greece match.

Of the newcomers, Gary Mabbutt was the player who earned most praise but I felt they all came through well.

Ricky Hill of Luton impressed me. He had the difficult task of coming up against Hans Peter Briegel — and he's the only bloke I know who can eat three Shredded Wheat for breakfast!

GRAHAM: How have things gone for you since the injury Steve?

STEVE: I made my return for United's game at Liverpool and I must admit I've been happy with my form.

In many ways, the injury could have been a blessing in disguise because at the moment I'm really buzzing and yearning to play.

So far, the knee is holding up well but I've finally had to face the fact that I'm going to have to treat it with a little more respect in the future.

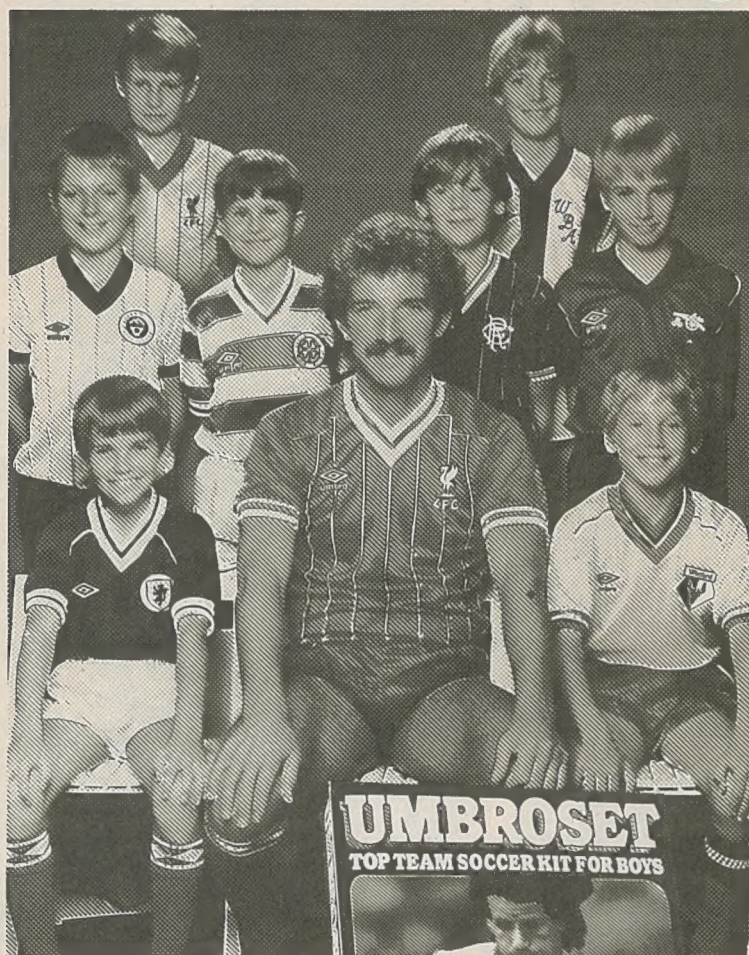
Instead of running around and training like a workhorse, I'm going to have to pace myself better. I'm also going to have to give it a chance to rest and recover after matches.

GRAHAM: Well I hope it's okay for next Wednesday. See you in Greece!



Graham Rix — "We're in for a hostile reception."

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Stoke bank on Gordon

STOKE's Mark Harrison received the 'man of the match' award after his superb display in goal in the 1-1 draw with Liverpool - and then came down to earth as the world's greatest goalkeeper told him where he had gone wrong!

Gordon Banks, a footballing legend after his superlative career with Leicester, Stoke and England, has taken up a coaching role at the Victoria Ground.

And the man best remembered for his 'impossible' save from Pele in the 1972 World Cup, lost no time in going over the Liverpool game with Mark, the young 'keeper hanging on his every word as he recalled and analysed every punch, throw, save and goal kick.

"Mark had a tremendous game. He did very little wrong against a very good side and he was certainly my man of the match," said Gordon, whose career was ended when he lost the sight of an eye in a car crash. "If he can keep his confidence he will do well."

This season has meant a reunion for Gordon and the young find from the Potteries who was signed from neighbouring Vale Park in a £180,000 deal that included Mark Chamberlain.

"Mark was third team 'keeper at Southampton when I had a spell coaching there," explained Gordon. "Though I spent most of my time with the first and second team 'keepers I recall that Mark showed promise."

Gordon was also at Port Vale, where he spent a short time as coach, but he left before Mark joined.

Mark, who took his chance in the First Division when regular 'keeper Peter Fox was banned for being sent off against Luton, has set his sights on recognition at England under-21 level.

What does Gordon Banks think? "If he maintains the sort of performances he has produced recently then he has every chance."

Goals are not enough for Goddard

IS Paul Goddard the modern day Jimmy Greaves - the kind of lethal finisher England boss Bobby Robson claims he so desperately needs for his international side of the future?

There's a strong lobby that says he could be. But the West Ham striker doesn't see himself in that category at all.

"It's daft for people to start comparing me with Greaves," insists Goddard. "Jimmy lived and breathed for goals, but I prefer playing better and creating chances than scoring myself. Of course I enjoy it when I hit the back of the net, but goals alone are not enough for me."



IT'S football with a bite in the Burger King soccer skills competition and toasting to the success of the scheme are Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy (back, centre), players Steve Williams (left) and David Armstrong together with the pupils of the Moorhill Secondary School.

Southampton FC, together with the Hampshire Schools FA and the Southern Evening Echo, are inviting every school catering for second year pupils to enter a team of five.

In the final the top team from each region will compete prior to a First Division match at the Dell towards the end of the season.

Big Mal's last stand

NEW Middlesbrough boss Malcolm Allison wants to finish his career at Ayresome Park.

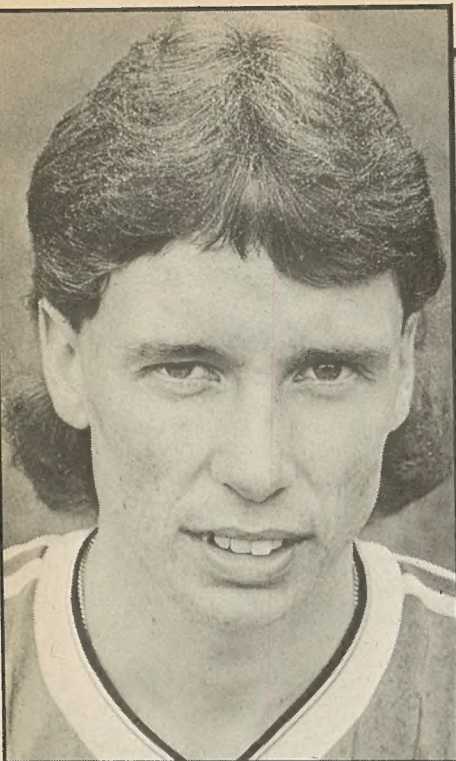
'Big Mal', who left Portugal's Sporting Lisbon to take up the challenge with the Second Division strugglers, says: "I would like to build something and finish my career at Middlesbrough."

For the time being however

he is employed on a gentleman's agreement until the end of the season.

And still in the background is an offer to take over New York Cosmos although he would not be wanted there before March.

Mal's arrival in the North East signalled a shock 2-1 victory for 'Boro over leaders Queen's Park Rangers.



Mike Duxbury — felt his career had taken a step back when John Gidman arrived at Old Trafford but fate has dictated otherwise.

MIKE MOVES IN!

MIKE Duxbury was convinced that his career at Manchester United had suffered a huge set-back following the signing of John Gidman from Everton.

Ron Atkinson's first foray into the transfer market as new United manager at the beginning of last season signalled the end of Northern Ireland international Jimmy Nicholl's Old Trafford career and put a question mark over the future of young Mike.

But John has been sidelined all season with a back injury and 23-year-old Mike's form has been so impressive that he now feels he can keep his right back place on merit.

"Before Ron Atkinson arrived I had a run of game at full-back and expected to keep my place there," says Mike.

"The manager had different ideas because he swapped Mike Thomas for John and my career seemed to take a step back.

"There was no way that John had been brought to United to strengthen the reserve side. I knew he'd go straight into the first team."

John was the regular choice last term and Mike was restricted to a 'play anywhere' role — turning out in various positions as injuries dictated.

This season Mike has been an ever present in the League side and his partnership with Arthur Albiston has been rated as the best full-back pairing in the First Division.

"I've been very pleased with the way things have gone this season," says Mike: "United are going well at the top of the First Division and I've been happy with my form.

"I think I've progressed to a stage where form decides who will play in the team.

"I still don't regard myself as a regular first teamer. I've a long way to go yet before I can consider myself established. At the moment my ambition is to figure in all United's games this season."

Mike has built up a reputation as a most versatile player — he's happy anywhere in the back four and is a competitive midfielder.

"At first, being able to play anywhere helped me because it gave me more chances to get into the first team, but there comes a time when you are regarded only as player who can fill in for others when they are injured.

"That's why I was glad to play in the number two shirt. It gave me a position to call my own."

MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

The next flight from Luton Airport . . .

LUTON fans had better start thumbing through their foreign phrase books according to striker Paul Walsh.

He says: "I feel there's nothing we can't achieve now that a few of the lads have started to get recognised on the international front.

"Apart from the top two or three clubs there is no-one who frightens us and because of that I firmly believe we'll be in Europe next season."

UNBEATABLE WIMBLEDON

WIMBLEDON, relegated from the Third Division last season for the second time in three seasons, had the distinction of being the League's last unbeaten team.

The other two unbeaten records fell by the wayside in the middle of October when Scunthorpe and Second Division leaders Wolves both lost at home.

Fourth Division Scunthorpe went down 1-0 to Hull, while Wolves crashed 3-0 to Leicester and with it went their place at the top of the table.

And, in the course of the defeat, Wolves goalkeeper John Burridge conceded a League goal for the first time since the opening day of the season — a remarkable run of 817 minutes.

In the meantime, Wimbledon were maintaining their position at the top of the Fourth Division with a 4-2 victory at York.

ASTON VILLA goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer is under pressure on two fronts.

Well aware of the pressure of Nigel Spink, who starred in Villa's European Cup triumph last season, Jimmy now sees another challenger on the horizon.

"There's a kid at the club called Kevin Poole and take it from me he can't half play," says the 35-year-old Villa number one.

"He's going to be as big a threat as Nigel before long."

GRAHAM'S BOOST

TOUGH-tackling Graham Roberts may have a part to play in Bobby Robson's long-term England plans.

Reveals the Spurs defender who has been sidelined by injury for most of the season:

"Mr Robson had a chat with me during one of our home games and told me he'd be watching me once I was fully fit again. It gave me a tremendous boost."

The new England boss has made no secret of the fact he'd like someone in the Nobby Stiles mould and Graham could fit the bill.

Brilliant Birtles

MEMO from Brian Clough to Bobby Robson: Garry Birtles is ready for an England recall.

Cloughie says of his back-home striker:

"Garry is playing better now than when Ron Greenwood first picked him two years ago. And when Bobby Robson came to watch us recently Garry was absolutely brilliant. He's a happy man again, and it shows in everything he does. I reckon he must be in contention for an England cap again."

BIRMINGHAM boss Ron Saunders has some harsh words to say about this season's new instructions to referees. "We've put them in a stupid position with these new rules," snaps Saunders. "We have the best referees in the world, but they are being restricted in expressing themselves. They can no longer go out and referee as they should."

Robson is a marked man . . .

ENGLAND World Cup star Bryan Robson believes his Spanish success is now rebounding on him.

The Manchester United midfield ace says: "As soon as the new season started, I found I was being man-to-man marked. I expect it against Continental sides, but it has been a bit of a shock to find it week after week in the First Division.

"I have not been seeing anything like as much of the ball this season. When I'm being shadowed, it's difficult for team-mates to pass to me.

"It's a problem I've got to solve, but it may take me a little time to adapt."

● **PORT VALE** ended a two-month search for someone to replace Mark Chamberlain by signing winger Steve Fox on a free transfer from Wrexham. The former Birmingham player also interested Third Division Walsall.

● **STRIKER** Garth Crooks notched his 50th goal for Spurs in the 4-2 victory over Notts County at White Hart Lane.

BLUE SKIES AHEAD FOR IPSWICH?

IPSWICH TOWN v. MANCHESTER CITY

1982 HAS NOT been the best of seasons for Ipswich Town, with their opening League matches ending in a series of shattering defeats. It's hardly the start their new manager, Bobby Ferguson would have liked.

Brighter

SO AS THEY prepare to meet John Bond's Sky Blue boys this Saturday, Ipswich will be hoping for some brighter results. In fact, a win against City could be just the boost Ipswich need. We asked Subbuteo fan Ben Hallatt, from Uppingham, if he thought Town could win on Saturday?

"I think they've got a good

chance," said Ben. "After all, when the two teams met at Portman Road last season, Ipswich won 2-0"

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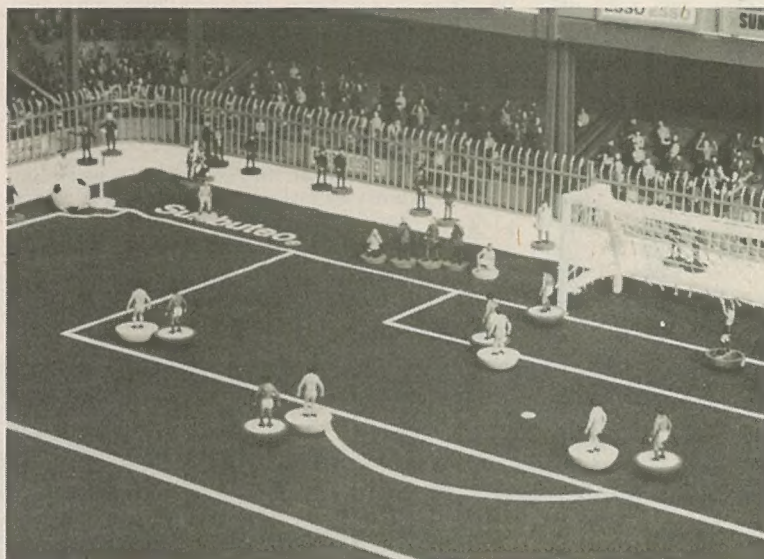
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We play the Swiss in Berne next Wednesday in a European Championship Group One qualifier and their confidence will be sky-high following that shock 1-0 win over the Italians.

Over the years, the Swiss have proved that they're no pushovers — England found that out to their cost when they were beaten 2-1 in a World Cup qualifier in Basle last year.

People expect teams like ourselves and England to beat nations like Switzerland, but as I keep repeating, there are no easy internationals any more.

Days when we could go to a place like Switzerland and win by four or five goals are long gone and they'll never return.

The so-called 'lesser nations' have caught up with us. They are no longer part-timers. Most of them train every day with professional clubs.

Many of the top Swiss players earn their living abroad playing in the Italian or German Leagues so they're going to be just as fit and skilful as us.

To be honest, I'll be more than happy to come out of the game with a draw. We're under no illusions as to how tough our task will be.

I believe we'll have to adopt the same tactics East Germany used against us a few weeks back at Hampden Park — the only difference, is we won't be as negative as they were.

We can't hope to dictate the game as we did against the Germans. As the home side, the onus will be on Switzerland to dominate the game and please their fans.

Our qualifying campaign couldn't have got off to a better start. The 2-0 win over the East Germans was just the platform we needed to build on.

It's a matter of knuckling down and doing the same against the Swiss. If we lose this one or play badly, all the good work we put in against the Germans will be forgotten. In this game you're only as good as your last match.

The main thing about the German game was that we performed as a team. We all seemed to be thinking along the same lines.

Much of that is due to the time we spent together in

Spain and the fact that Jock Stein seems to be intent on getting a settled squad together.

In the past, there's always been the nagging thought in the back of your mind that if you don't play well in one international, you won't get picked for the next.

The pressure was always on you to produce something special during the 90 minutes because you thought your place depended on it.

That's not the case any more. As long as you contribute

something to the performance there's a good chance you'll get another run out.

I was very impressed by the international debut of Aberdeen goalkeeper Jim Leighton against the Germans and I believe he'll be the Scotland number one for a long time to come.

It couldn't have been easy to take over from Alan Rough — the regular for the last six years — but Jim did everything that was asked of him.

On the club side it was great to bounce back in the European

Cup and beat Finnish side JK Helsinki 5-0 at Anfield after losing the first leg.

The game followed the same pattern as the one in Finland — the only difference was that we managed to convert our chances.

I can tell you that there was a massive sigh of relief among the players when Kenny Dalglish scored the first goal of the game after 27 minutes.

We'd dominated the game over there and hadn't managed to score and I must admit there were doubts in our minds as we took the field for the return.

On Saturday we play hosts to Coventry in the First Division. It may not seem a glamorous fixture in the eyes of the fans, but I regard it as important as a match against Manchester United or Arsenal.

There's exactly the same number of points at stake so it's just as vital for us to win.

Anfield has been rocked by the transfer request of Craig Johnston, who joined us from Middlesbrough for £575,000 in April last year.

Craig is frustrated because he can't command a regular place in the Liverpool side and I sympathise with him. I can't be critical of him being headstrong because I was exactly the same at his age.

It's unfortunate that when you join a big club like Liverpool you have to wait for your chance. It's one of the reasons why the club has been so successful in the past.

I'm sure that if he was more patient his chance would come, but he's made the decision to go and I wish him well. See you in two weeks!

Graeme Souness

● Graeme Souness was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

THE GRAEME SOUNESS COLUMN

The Scotland skipper looks ahead to the European Championship clash with Switzerland and brings you more behind the scenes news from Anfield. Don't miss his regular column — every fortnight!



Jim Leighton — I was very impressed with his international debut.

CRYSTAL Palace striker Kevin Mabbutt talked proudly this week of his kid brother Gary, who has taken the First Division by storm this season.

Gary has leapfrogged over his brother and enjoyed a meteoric rise to stardom since his £125,000 move from Third Division Bristol Rovers to glamour club Spurs.

But there's not the slightest hint of envy or jealousy from Kevin. He says: "I'm absolutely delighted for him. What he's achieved in his first three months at White Hart Lane is incredible. It's the sort of stuff dreams are made of."

"It would have been so easy for him to have joined a big club and then been happy as a member of the squad. But he's taken his chance by the scruff of the neck and forced his way into the side."

Gary capped a magnificent start to the season by earning an England call-up and playing in the friendly against West Germany at Wembley last month.

"I was very proud when I heard he'd been picked to play. The moment I saw him emerge from the tunnel and walk towards the pitch is one which will stay with me for the rest of my life."

"I was choked — it was such an emotional moment," says Kevin.

"Gary was always going to be my 'man of the match'. After two minutes — and he hadn't even had a kick — he was playing really well in my eyes."

"Although he was playing in a position that was strange to him, I felt he had a very good international debut. He could have got onto the scoresheet because he hit the post and had a couple of near misses."

"He's done ever so well when you consider that two years ago he thought he might have to quit the game because of sugar diabetes."

"It can't be much fun having to inject yourself twice a day, but he doesn't make a fuss. He carries on as if it's part of everyday life."

"Being a diabetic hasn't affected him as a player — in fact he's a lot stronger and fitter now. His diet is very important and that means he can't eat garbage food. Cutting that out is bound to help anyone."

Kevin moved from Bristol City to Palace in October last year and was delighted when his brother came to join him in the capital.

"I knew a couple of clubs were interested in him, but it was a surprise when he told me he'd signed for Spurs."

"He rang me at the Crystal Palace training ground one day and asked me if I wanted a lodger," recalls Kevin.

"Having me up here obviously helped him settle down because it wasn't such an upheaval for him. When I came here I didn't know anyone or anything about the place."

"His new team-mates at Spurs were also great. They've gone out of their way to make him feel welcome."



The Mabbutt brothers ... Gary of Tottenham (left) and Kevin of Crystal Palace.

SO PROUD KEVIN REJOICES AS GARY GLITTERS

"I see quite a lot of him and go to as many Spurs matches as I can," says Kevin, who is two years older than Gary.

"We often sit down and chat for hours about the game. Most of the time we discuss the mistakes we've made and try to find ways of cutting them out."

"Even though he's enjoyed a swift rise to fame, all the adulation hasn't affected him. Gary is a level-headed lad who likes to keep his feet firmly on the ground."

Kevin believes that his brother's success has improved his own attitude and enthusiasm for the game. He says: "I'm more hungry to win now."

"Watching Spurs and seeing Gary play in front of crowds of 36,000 gives me an appetite for the game. It makes me determined to do the same."

While Gary chases top honours in the First Division, Kevin is fighting to help Crystal Palace regain their place in the top flight.

Last season, the club — hailed as the team of the eighties — narrowly missed the drop to the Third Division, but the arrival of new manager Alan Mullery has given Selhurst Park a new mood of optimism.

"We're playing very well at home but just don't seem to travel well. If we can improve on that I see no reason why we can't challenge for promotion."

"Palace have a First Division set-up and I'd love to help the club return there. After playing in the top flight with Bristol City, I'm desperate to get back."

"It would be great to get back there and play against my brother in a First Division fixture."

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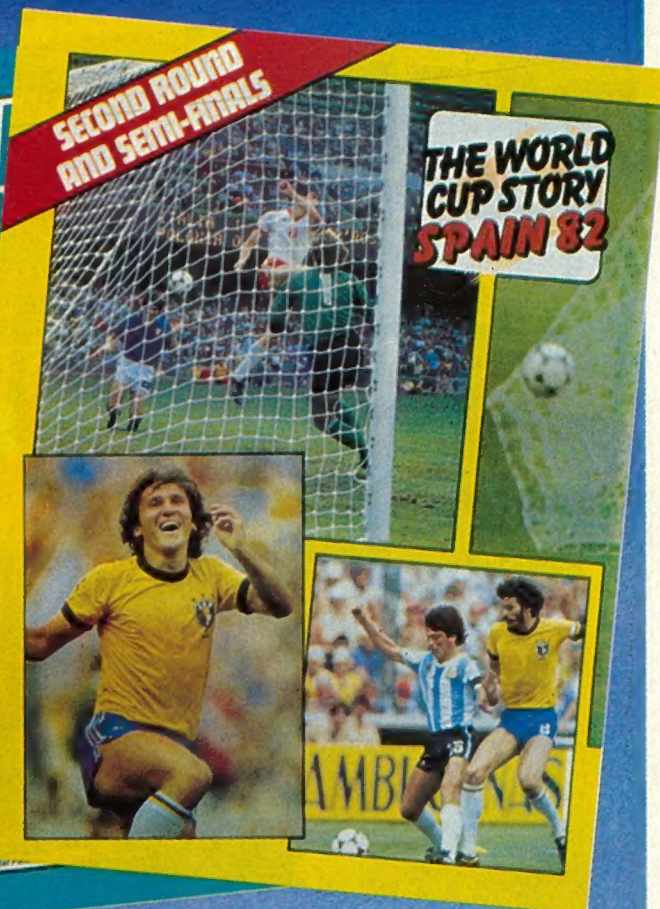
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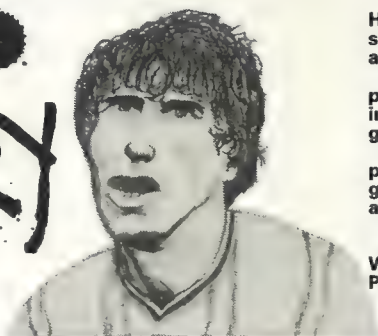
MARTYN BENNETT WEST BROM

FULL NAME: Martyn Bennett
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Perry Barr, Birmingham/August 4, 1961
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft. 1ins./13st.
MARRIED: No.
CAR: Ford Granada.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None — joined Albion straight from school.
NICKNAME: 'Benny' — but not because of the Crossroads character.
WORST EVER INJURY: Cartilage two seasons ago.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kevin Beattie — he's made so many brave comebacks from serious injuries.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Walsall — my Uncle Stan used to play centre-half for them.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Diego Maradona (Argentina). He's exciting to watch and I'd like to know how I'd fare against him.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Shilton, Thomas (England), O'Leary (Eire), Evans (Scotland), Statham (England), Souness, Wark (Scotland), Robson, Francis, Keegan (England), Jordan (Scotland).
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Brazil's 1970 World Cup winning side, Felix, Alberto, Brito, Piazza, Everaldo, Gerson, Clodoaldo, Jairzinho, Pele, Tostao, Rivelino.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Villa Park. There's always a good atmosphere there.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Estadio Benito Villamarin — Scotland played there in the World Cup Finals.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Nottingham Forest last season — it was great to beat a 'keeper like Peter Shilton.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Alan Mullery's blaster for

Fulham against Leicester.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Joe Jordan and Trevor Francis — for different reasons! Joe is very physical while Trevor's so quick.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My debut for West Brom against Everton, April 1979.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: The above game.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to QPR in last season's FA Cup Semi-Final.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Badminton and squash.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Buying clothes and listening to records.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Gardening, washing the car and smoking.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Morecambe and Wise.
FAVOURITE READING: Match Weekly.
FAVOURITE POP STARS: Stevie Wonder, Dexys Midnight Runners and ABC.
BEST FRIEND: Remi Moses (Manchester Utd).
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My Uncle Stan — he used to take me training at Walsall.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Injuries.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Scrambled eggs.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Nine England Schoolboys caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To win something with Albion.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for England.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: To own a wine bar or clothes shop.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: West Brom midfielder Nicky Lewis.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Clint Eastwood.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen to all advice — you don't have to take it.



STAR GALLERY



Sunderland skipper Iain Munro is "a very good defender," says Kunle Adegboroye of Nigeria.

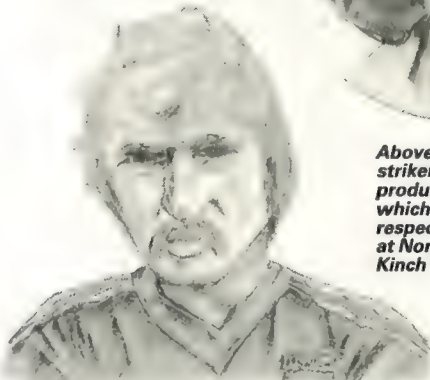


"He's exciting to watch and he scores great goals" — that's the verdict on Celtic's George McCluskey from Tony Hickey of Belfast, N. Ireland.

Fifteen-year-old Nicolas Mountain of Walthamstow, London, believes Ipswich Town's Dutch master Frans Thijssen (below) is "the most skilful player in Britain".

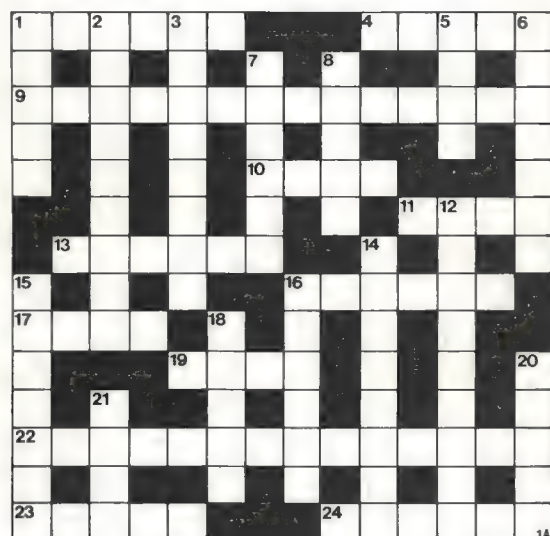


Above: Manchester City striker Kevin Reeves is now producing the sparkling form which made him such a respected striker in his days at Norwich, says Geoffrey Kinch (13) of Eaton, Norwich.



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ACROSS

1. This international midfielder played his 400th League match for Notts County last season in his second main spell (having had a long run with QPR) (6)
4. --- Butterworth made his debut for 23 across in 1980-81 (5)
9. 'Vic got oversize!' (anagram) — well, he's a very big keeper! (5,9)
- 10 & 11. He made his 700th League appearance in the second half of last season (4,4)
13. --- Charles (Swansea & Wales) (6)
16. An Edinburgh club (6)
17. The nickname of Nottingham Forest (4)
19. Spectators often like to stand behind it (4)
22. Prenton Park is the place to go if you want to watch this club (8,6)
23. This club sounds as if it's always ahead! (5)
24. Plays the ball to a team-mate (6)

DOWN

1. An OT character — and in this player's case, that stands for both Old Testament and Old Trafford! (5)
2. City which has two clubs carrying its name (9)
3. It describes a match where the other team doesn't get a look in (3-5)
5. One of the managers called Smith (4)
6. This international defender has played about as many games for Southampton as 10 across has (7)
7. Winger who sounds Irish but actually played for England as well as for Huddersfield, 23 across, Wolves, Birmingham and Rotherham (6)
8. One of the cities where Jimmy Greaves spent part of his career (5)
12. The men up front (9)
14. Barcelona's most-expensive player (8)
15. City which has two clubs carrying its name (7)
16. He scored the first goal in the 1966 World Cup Final (6)
18. International defender who recently went from Wrexham to Chelsea (5)
20. Puts a player up for sale (5)
21. Something the goalkeeper is put there to do — it rhymes with the answer to one other clue (4)



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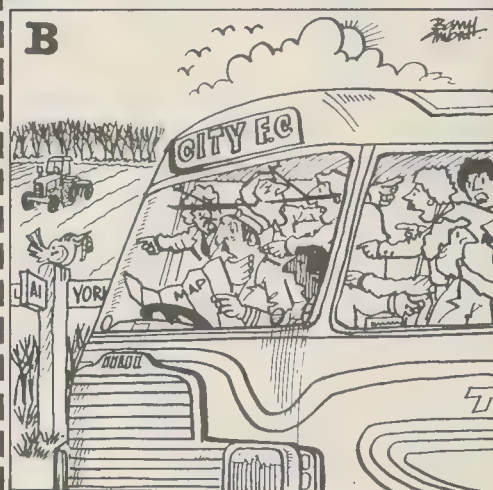
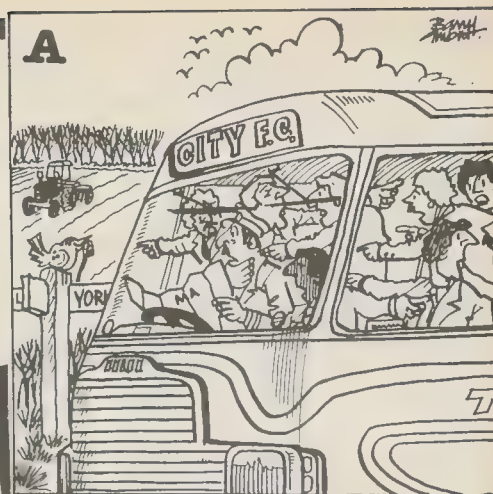
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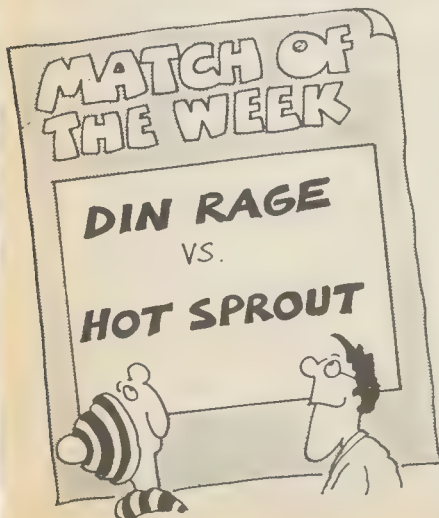
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IT looked as though I might make a name for myself as a rugby union player because I captained the England Schools XV. But football was my first love and I joined my present club straight from school. I've won a UEFA Cup winners' medal and a handful of England caps.

Don't miss next week's 'Riddle Time' when we'll reveal the identity of our mystery star.

● Arsenal midfielder Brian Talbot was the answer to last week's poser.

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IMAGINE you are a football reporter and your Editor sends you out to cover an FA Cup Semi-Final tie.

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ROVING REPORTER: Walsall v Scunthorpe at Gillingham.
MATCH OF THE WEEK: Reading v Southampton.
SOCCEERWORD
ACROSS: 1. Masson; 4. Alden; 9. Steve Ogilvie; 10 & 11. Alan Ball; 13. Jeremy; 16. Hearts; 17. Reds; 19. goal; 22. Tranmere Rovers; 23. Leeds (leads); 24. passes.
DOWN: 1. Moses; 2. Sheffield; 3. one-sided; 5. Dave; 6. Nicholl; 7. O'Grady; 8. Milan; 12. attackers; 14. Mardones; 15. Bristol; 16. Haller; 18. Jones; 20. lists; 21. save (5 down).

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SPOTLIGHT on the Irish challenge in the European Championship —
Eire's Pat Bonner in confident mood and Jimmy Nicholl admitting
Northern Ireland have it all to do...



Celtic goalkeeper Pat Bonner believes Eire have their best squad ever.

EIRE goalkeeper Pat Bonner believes that his country can now boast the strongest squad in their history.

Liam Brady, Frank Stapleton, Mark Lawrenson and David O'Leary head a list of household names in an Irish side brimming with individual talent.

And the Celtic star says: "This is the best squad we've ever had and the addition of Tony Galvin has made us even stronger."

"As well as the more experienced players like Liam, Frank and David, there are youngsters of quality like Liverpool's Ronnie Whelan and Gary Waddock of QPR breaking through."

"We've now got strength in depth. We've got cover if one of the regular first teamers gets injured."

The jewel in the Irish side for the last few years has been the magical Liam Brady, who is currently playing in Italy for Sampdoria alongside England striker Trevor Francis.

"Liam was a very good player when he left Arsenal, but since he's been in Italy he's improved. He's picked up a lot of experience out there," says Pat.

"There's no doubt that the skill is there in the Irish squad. Now we've got to blend it together and make it work as a team."

"All we need is a couple of good results under our belts and we can go from strength to strength. If we can qualify for the European Championship Finals, I believe we could do well in France."

The Irish are hoping for a victory next Wednesday when they take on Spain in a tough European Championship qualifier in Dublin and Pat admits:

"We've got to win this one."

"If you are to stand a realistic chance of qualifying for the Finals, you've got to win your home games."

"I see no reason why we can't beat the Spaniards. They failed to impress in the World Cup Finals and are currently going through a bad patch."

"It's going to be a physical game. Manchester United sampled the more cynical side of the Spanish game when they played Valencia this season."

Eire have already played twice in the qualifying group — losing in Holland and beating Iceland 2-0 at home.

"Many people expected us to beat the Dutch, but they are a very good side and will be our main challengers for a place in the Finals in France," says Pat.

And he believes that little Iceland could hold the key to who wins Group Seven. He says: "They are quite capable

Eire force! BONNER PREDICTS DEFEAT FOR SPAIN

of pulling off a couple of shock results.

"We took two points off them but a result against them isn't a foregone conclusion. They are a very tricky side."

Bolton's Jim McDonagh is the current Irish number one and Pat's international appearances have been restricted to just two.

And the youngster accepts he'll have to wait in the wings for a little time yet. He says: "Jim McDonagh is playing well at the moment and there's no way he's going to be thrown out."

"But I'm only 22-years-old so I'm sure my chance will come."

Pat was called up for the Eire tour of Europe in May last year and made his international debut in Poland on his 21st

birthday.

Although the Irish went down 3-0, Pat says: "It was a tremendous experience and I loved every minute of it. My only regret was that my family weren't there to see me."

Pat had almost given up all hope of a career in the game when Celtic came in and offered him a chance to make the grade.

"I was 18 and playing in the Irish youth team. I knew it was my last chance to get fixed up with a club. If Celtic hadn't come in, I'd have gone to University."

"I had no worries about leaving my home town Donegal for Glasgow. I was just determined to become a footballer."

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"We can't let them humiliate us. We've got to steam in with the first attack and first shot at goal.

"West Germany have got so many potential match-winners. Players like Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Paul Breitner and Pierre Littbarski can turn a game on their own."

Northern Ireland got their European campaign off to a disastrous start when they travelled to Austria and were beaten 2-0.

Jimmy admits: "The Austrians murdered us and we didn't play at all well. I think we were too complacent following the World Cup Finals.

"That result brought us down to earth. We just didn't do anything during the entire 90 minutes.

Even though Jimmy believes the performance in Austria was a backlash from the World Cup, he feels that their exploits in Spain have given the players new confidence.

"We've proved that we can do something and that we're not just a number. We can hold our heads up high."

Northern Ireland reached the Second Round of the World Cup Finals in Spain, but they look to have a tough job to qualify for the European Championship Finals.

Austria and West Germany appear to be the main challengers for the place in France and Jimmy admits: "We've got a tough task ahead."

Jimmy made his Sunderland debut this season in the club's disastrous 8-0 defeat at Watford.

"I never felt right from the moment I stepped onto the pitch at Watford," he admits. "It was an awful way to come back."

But even though the club are currently struggling at the wrong end of the First Division, he's enjoying life at Roker Park.

"It's a great club with a lot of atmosphere and tradition. I hope I can help them climb up the table.

"The potential is here for a very good side. At the moment, we lack consistency and that killer instinct in front of goal.

"But I've noticed progress from when I was last here. Young players like Ally McCoist, Nick Pickering, Barry Venison and Colin West have all improved tremendously.



Northern Ireland defender Jimmy Nicholl — worried by West Germany.

"If I hadn't noticed any change in those youngsters, I'd have been worried, but they've all learnt and got better."

Jimmy looked set to join Sunderland on a permanent basis last season but the deal fell through when the club couldn't meet Manchester United's £250,000 valuation.

"The deal depended on the sale of defender Alan Brown to Newcastle, but that fell through and so did my move to Roker," says Jimmy.

"In the end, I had to go to America. I didn't want to go to the World Cup Finals in Spain as a United reserve player and I was in the doldrums at Old Trafford.

"I would have liked a summer break next year but I'm under contract to go back to Toronto next season.

"I enjoyed it out there, although I was surprised by the physical side of the game. They call it the holiday league but it certainly isn't that," says Jimmy, whose side reached the Play-Offs only to be beaten by eventual winners Seattle Sounders.

"There's a lot more pressure out there than I thought there would be. Because all the teams are sponsored, managers are scared of their side having a bad season in case they lose their backers."

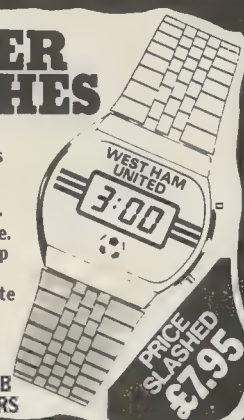
Jimmy settled in at Toronto straight away — he was born there. "It was great to meet up with relatives and meet some of them for the first time," he says.

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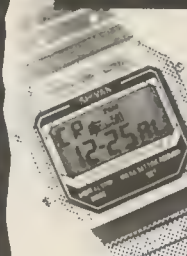
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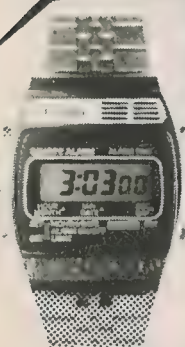
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FORMER England firebrand Alan Ball surveyed the emerging talent heralding a new international era and urged: "Play from the heart."

Alan, now in Hong Kong after waving goodbye to 21 "fantastic" years at the top in English football, oozed pride and passion on each of the 72 occasions he pulled on an England shirt.

And he told 'Match Weekly': "Playing for and captaining England was fantastic for me."

"I loved the big time and especially Wembley. It's the only place to play."

"So many people tend to freeze but I loved the place. The only way is to play from the heart with no fear in the body."

Indeed it was Wembley that provided the stage for Alan's proudest hour when, as the baby of the team, he helped England to World Cup victory 16 years ago.



Alan Ball — sad farewell.

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At the same time he admits: "If it happened to me now I would appreciate it far more."

But while his glittering international career brought him many proud moments, it also took him to the depths of despair — like the time England threw away a 2-0 lead to go out to West Germany in the 1970 World Cup Finals in Leon.

Says Alan: "In the main, my 21 years in English football were fantastic but of course there were bad times."

"Being sacked as player-manager of my first League club Blackpool was a terrible feeling."

"Being told I was no longer needed by Everton as a player hurt equally as much."

"But I don't think I have ever felt as low as I did in the dressing rooms after that England defeat in Leon."

Of his decision to call it a day on the playing side in this country, Alan, who played his last match in England as Southampton beat his old club Everton 3-2, says:

"It was a decision I had to make and I believe I've made it at the right time."

"It was hard in many ways but the realisation that I wasn't performing as well and as often as I would have wanted made things easier."

"Throughout my career I've set myself

personal standards and I couldn't live up to them anymore."

Alan admits things had been building up to the crunch for three or four months but says:

"It's a bit like toothache. As soon as you arrive at the dentist's surgery it goes away."

"Once I decided I was going to finish, I came back onto my game although perhaps that was down to the relief I felt at finally coming to a decision."

So it was with a mixture of sadness and relief that Alan boarded the plane to begin a six month spell with Hong Kong club Eastern.

He stresses: "I didn't retire so I could go to Hong Kong. The offer came along after I'd made my decision."

"It will give me a chance to get over the way I feel. I didn't want to be sitting around over here with nothing to occupy my mind."

Alan, now 37-years-of-age, singles out Southampton's third match of this season — a 1-0 victory over Aston Villa at the Dell — as the game that really made his mind up.

"I was struggling and I wasn't enjoying it. People say the player himself is the first to know and I knew then my time was up."

Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy and the players at the Dell have made no secret of the fact they wanted Alan to carry on, but the veteran of some 728 League games counters:

"I know I can still do a job but it's not as I want to."

Of the long term future, Alan is keen to put something back in the game — his confidence unaffected by his experiences in management at Blackpool.

"I'd love to stay in the game — either as a coach or manager. I would be interested in

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Stoke's transfer-listed goalkeeper Peter Fox: "Nothing can patch up this row with the manager."

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OUT-OF-FAVOUR FOX LASHES OUT

STOKE star Peter Fox has launched a bitter attack on his manager Richie Barker claiming: "It's his fault I haven't been included in an England squad".

The transfer-listed goalkeeper is upset at losing his first team place this season and he admits: "My England hopes have blown up in my face."

"I've worked hard for two and a half years to get to a position where my name was being mentioned as an England prospect. I blame the manager I didn't get any further."

"Last season there was talk of me being included in a 'B' squad but then the manager dropped me and gave me a roasting in the Press," claims Peter.

"He told me that Bobby Robson had made a couple of inquiries about me this term and then he does this to me."

Peter's problems really came to a head when he was sent off for the first time in his career against Luton in September. After serving a two-match ban, he expected to go straight back into the side.

But the manager had different ideas. Impressed by the form of Mark Harrison, a close season signing from Port Vale, he decided to give the stand-in an extended run.

"I was very disappointed when I didn't get picked after my suspension because I felt I'd

by **ANTHONY HAWKSWELL**

played well this season.

"We had a couple of important matches coming up against Liverpool in the League and a Milk Cup tie against West Ham and I thought my experience would help us."

"I was also angry at the manager's attitude. He told me it was my own fault that I got my marching orders and that he didn't get me sent off," claims Peter.

"It's been an awful time for me. You really find out who your friends are at times like these," says Peter, who joined Stoke from Sheffield Wednesday for £20,000 in 1978.

"I've had one or two words with the manager since he came here at the beginning of last season, but nothing can patch up this row. I'm resigned to leaving Stoke."

"It's just got to the stage where I can't take any more. I'd love to stay and fight for my place but it just hasn't worked out."

"I spoke up last season when we had a young side and were struggling. We needed a couple of experienced players and it didn't look as if he was going to buy."

"He's since bought and the club are doing well. He's now got a good side brewing at the Victoria Ground."

"When I go, it will be a big wrench because Stoke are a fabulous club and I've got no hard feelings towards them. My argument is with the manager."

"In fact, I'd love to see them win something. The last time they picked up a trophy was when they won the League Cup in 1972. The fans have since been starved of success."

The 25-year-old hopes that he'll be allowed to leave the Potteries soon rather than at the end of the season when his contract expires.

"If they keep me to my contract, someone is going to get a bargain. Stoke will obviously get more for me now while people still remember me than they would if I spend the rest of the season in the reserves."

"I'd like to join a First Division club and I'm not scared of going as second choice keeper. I've got confidence in my own ability and I'm prepared to fight for my chance."

"If I have to wait for six months before I get a move, then I'll have to knuckle down and do my best in the reserves."

"Playing there has been a jolt, but the Central League side are going quite well and myself and a couple of the older players are trying to get a first team atmosphere going."

"I don't see a first team future so I've set myself a target of helping the reserves win the Central League."

"The main problem playing in the reserves is that with so many youngsters in the side I tend to worry about them and forget my own game."

"Whatever level you are playing at, you've got to be on top of your own game."

Peter was so upset about his sending off — for a professional foul when he handled outside his area — that he considered quitting the game.

"I was deadly serious about giving it all up. That was the way I felt at the time. It was as though I'd let myself down."

"There's no way I can describe my feelings as I trudged off the pitch. I can't remember the crowd — all I could see was the tunnel getting closer and closer."

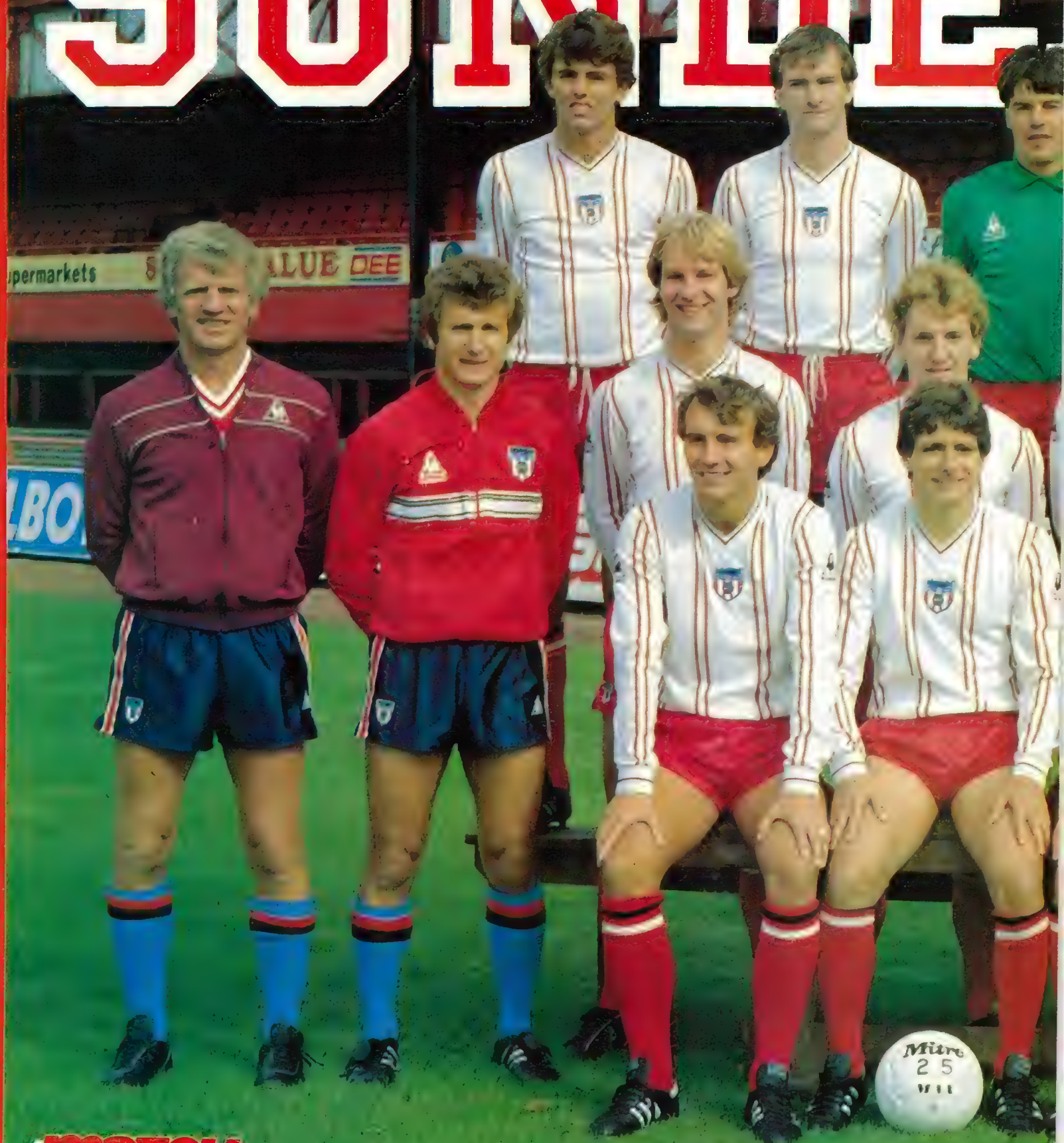
"I was very unlucky and it was a harsh decision to send me off. I'm sure that if I'd had the right of appeal, I would have escaped punishment."

"It wasn't deliberate. I came out to try and get the ball off Paul Walsh. It was pure instinct."

"Once I got back into the routine of training and had read some of the letters of sympathy I'd received, I felt better and decided to give football another go."

"But there's no doubt it was the worst moment of my career. I never want to go through it again."

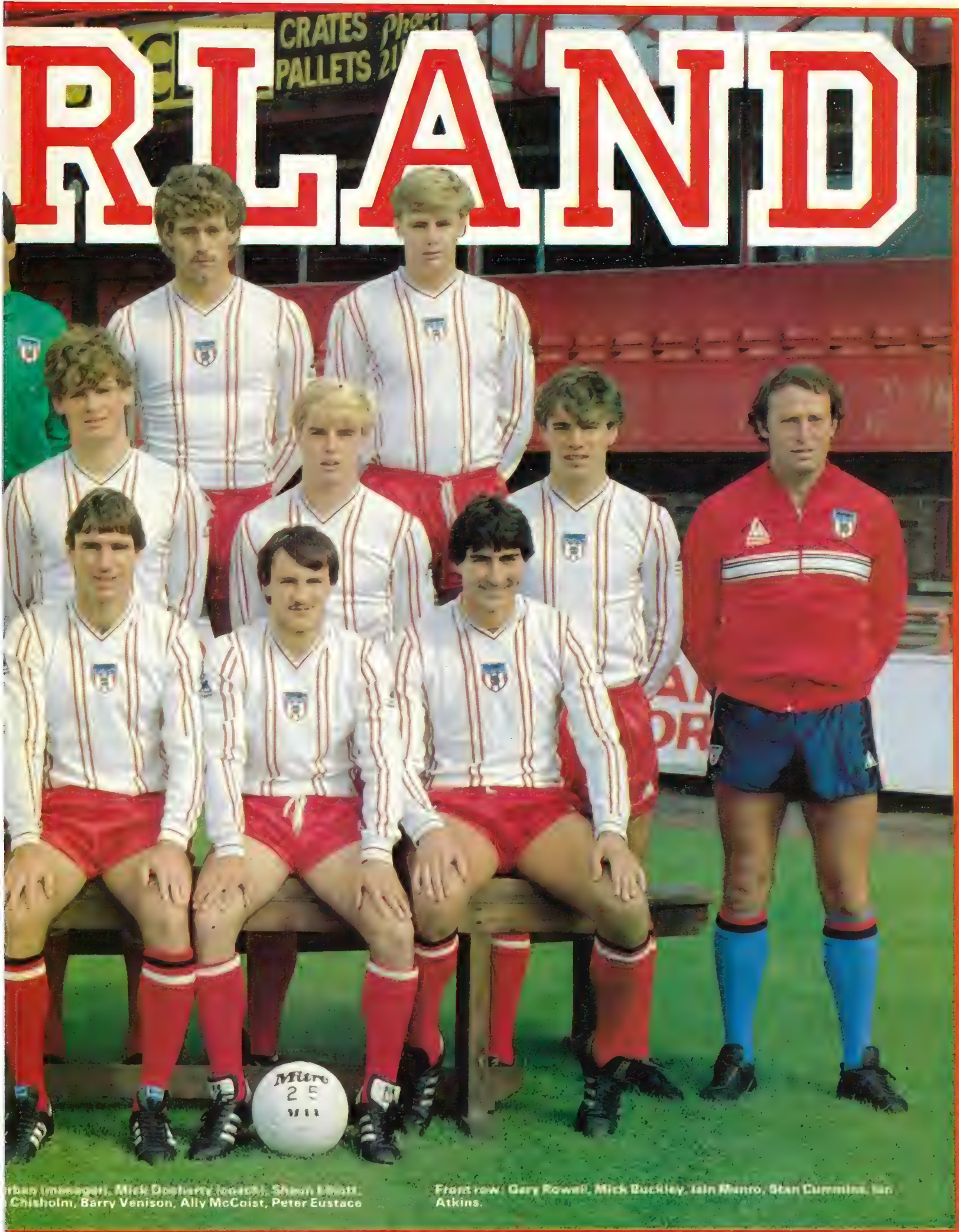
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We know that on our day we are capable of defeating any team.

What we must improve is our standards at the other end of the playing scale when we fall below our potential.

What makes Liverpool an outstanding team is that they are able to pick up points and



The DAVID CROSS Column

THE Manchester City striker reveals how the Maine Road club can learn from Liverpool . . . and win the title!

avoid defeat on days when they are way below their best.

If we can introduce that into our make-up then there's no question that we are in with a great shout.

Like most of the pre-season prophets, I nominated Manchester United as the team with the best credentials to unseat Liverpool at the top of the table.

I felt the signing of Arnold Muhren from Ipswich and the emergence of young striker Norman Whiteside during the World Cup Finals could possibly complete the jigsaw at Old Trafford.

And, after our exciting 2-2 derby draw with United last month, I still believe they are well equipped for a major title assault.

It goes without saying that one expects Liverpool to be among the title challengers again, and it's gratifying for me at this stage to see my old team, West Ham, and my new one, Manchester City, in the thick of things.

Returning to my first taste of a Manchester derby, I believe everyone at Old Trafford received full value for money.

Former Manchester hero Denis Law, now working for Granada Television, claimed it was the best derby for ten years.

That was certainly a glowing testament considering all the great players who have figured in these derby games during the past decade.

I certainly enjoyed it,

particularly as I scored our second goal early in the second half, although I was disappointed we threw away a two-goal lead late in the match.

If we had managed to keep a clean sheet for a little while longer after my goal, then I feel we would have won.

But, after Frank Stapleton had pulled a goal back, United always looked like scoring again, and in the end I think we were more relieved to hear the final whistle.

To be quite honest, I found the match just like any other.

I had no traces of nerves or tension. Perhaps the Press and television play up the occasion more than necessary.

I have played at Old Trafford before in front of a 55,000 plus crowd and the only difference this time was that half of them were cheering for the team I was playing for.

Everyone I spoke to after the game felt they had been thoroughly entertained, and for me that was a most pleasing aspect.

I feel it is the duty of the players to entertain the supporters and not to adopt a 'win at all costs' attitude.

If I go to a cinema and the film is terrible, then I reserve the right to say so and walk out halfway through if necessary, no matter how much hard work has been put in by the director and the crew.

We are paid good money and it's up to the players to entertain if the fans are to continue coming through the

turnstiles.

Probably I'm fortunate in being schooled at a club like West Ham, where the emphasis has always been on entertainment.

Even if West Ham lose, the fans are not too downhearted so long as they have seen an entertaining match and that sort of attitude takes a lot of pressure off the players.

That probably wasn't my attitude in my early days when my clubs weren't equipped like West Ham and Manchester City to produce profitable, entertaining football.

And, I think City fans saw us at our best in the 2-1 home victory over Swansea.

I felt it was our most impressive home performance of the season — even though we presented Swansea with a lifeline late on which forced us to live on our nerves for the final few minutes.

We had enough chances to sew up the match long before Bob Latchford scored. Had it been a boxing match, I think we would have stopped them midway through the second half.

Dennis Tueart produced one of the goals of the season with a stunning volley from Asa Hartford's clever indirect free kick.

They conjured up the goal between them. Asa flicked it up and Dennis volleyed it over the wall of defenders and into the roof of the net.

Nine times out of ten, a free kick from that position would have crashed into the defensive wall, but they are both inventive players and their plan worked like a dream.

Asa grabbed what proved to be the decisive goal to put the icing on another tremendous individual performance.

He's a proud guy who is probably out to show Scotland manager Jock Stein that he was wrong to leave him out of the international squad.

And if Asa continues to play the way he is at the moment, then Mr Stein might have second thoughts about leaving him out of his plans.

See you in a fortnight . . .

David Cross

● David Cross was talking to Melvyn Beck.



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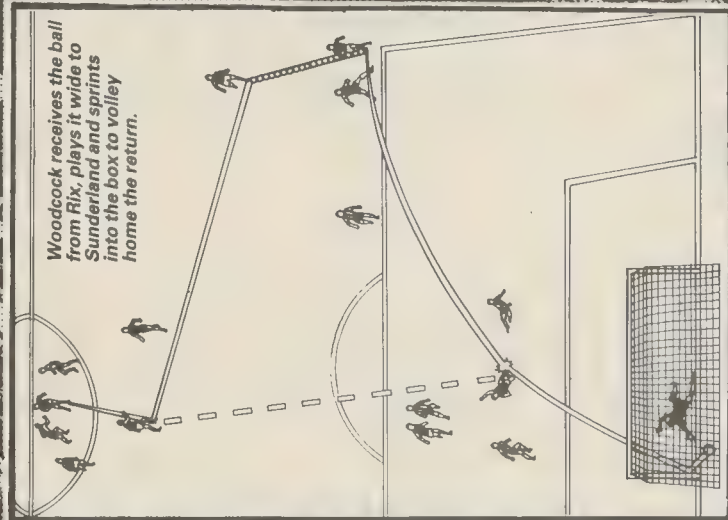
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GOLDEN GOAL!

Woodcock receives the ball from Rix, plays it wide to Sunderland and sprints into the box to volley home the return.



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League Division One, Highbury, Saturday, October 16, 1982

TONY WOODCOCK'S glorious volley even had the opposition manager drooling ... "It was one of the best I've seen this season — a great goal," said Albion boss Ron Wylie.

Alan Sunderland had given Arsenal the lead after 17 minutes and it was he who set up the second for his new striking partner seven minutes later.

Graham Rix began the move in the centre circle when he found his England team-mate Woodcock, who in turn led Sunderland wide on the left.

Sunderland's return ball was met by Woodcock who had sprinted into space in the Albion box and his acrobatic left foot volley sent the ball crashing into the corner of the net past despairing 'keeper Mark Grew.





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IT seems ludicrous to me that Allan Simonsen, twice European Footballer of the Year, should want to join a nondescript club like Charlton when there are so many others to choose from.

I also find it hard to believe when I read that Simonsen says things like: "I used to read and dream about Charlton's feats as a boy".

He must have meant Bobby or Jack.
Stephen Keane, Dublin, Republic of Ireland.

I'VE just come home from school to read in 'Match' — which I buy every week — that Cesar Luis Menotti, the Argentine manager, says that Italy were lucky to win the World Cup. What nonsense!

Not only did Italy beat reigning World champions Argentina, but they defeated European Champions West Germany and everybody's favourites, Brazil.

Perhaps the fact that Italy have beaten Argentina in the last TWO World Cups has made Menotti flip his lid!
Marco Cura (13), Raynes Park, London.

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West Brom's Martin Jol — he's in David Ralston's foreign import XI.

HERE'S my team of foreign imports to the First Division:
Van Breukelen (Nottingham Forest), van Den Hauwe (Birmingham), Hadziabdic (Swansea), Thijssen (Ipswich), Hareide (Norwich), Zondervan (West Brom), Jol (West Brom), Muhren (Man. Utd), van der Elst (West Ham), D'Avray (Ipswich), Villa (Tottenham).
David Ralston, Dundee, Scotland.

IT was great to see a Fourth Division goalkeeper — Blackpool's Iain Hesford — help England to victory in the European Under-21 Championship.

But surely he must realise that if he wants to advance his international career and compete with the likes of Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence for full international status, he must leave Blackpool for a First Division club.

Victor Butchers, Stone, Kent.

● **I hope you read what Iain had to say in the October 30 issue of 'Match'.**

I'M glad I don't have to watch West Brom regularly.

I went to The Hawthorns to watch my team, Villa, play the 'Baggies' in a game that 'Match' gave a five-star rating. And the match certainly was thrilling.

But the play was often interrupted by West Brom's off-side trap. On many occasions, Villa were caught off-side just over the half-way line.

Maybe it is time that the off-side law was changed. If the rule was applied in the penalty areas only, I'm sure we would see more attractive football.

Stephen Thomson (13), Yardley, Birmingham.

I WAS staggered by Ian Makepeace's comments about Glenn Hoddle in 'Terrace Talk' recently.

"What is Glenn, some kind of soccer star?" asked Mr Makepeace. Well, all I can say is that Glenn is the best player in the country. And he doesn't appear in 'Match' every week. I only wish he did!

Jane Rock (12), Pinner, Middlesex.

THERE has been a lot of discussion in the Press lately about football's 'crowd-pullers' and how they seem to be a dying breed.

I remember a game at the Vetch Field during the last war when Swansea played an RAF team for charity. The ground was packed as players like Tommy Lawton and Stanley Matthews were due to play for the RAF side.

Just before the kick-off, it was announced that Matthews would not be playing. There was an uproar and hundreds of fans streamed towards the entrances demanding their money back.

You don't see scenes like that now. By the way, I hope I'm eligible to write to you.

D. Edwards (70), Heath, Cardiff.

● **WHY shouldn't you be! Your badge is on the way.**

I'VE been buying 'Match' for two years and I think it has got better and better every week.

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Andrew Hughes, Eccleston, Lancashire.

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Miss G. Boxer complained in Terrace Talk (October 16) about paying £2 to watch a poor Sunderland team in a wreck of a stadium.

Well, she's lucky!

At Brighton fans have to pay a minimum of £2.50 (adults) and £1.50 for children to watch a side that's below Sunderland in the table playing boring, defensive football in a ground that makes Roker Park look like Wembley Stadium.

Ninety per cent of the standing accommodation is uncovered and while we stand shivering and soaked to the skin, the chairman complains he has no idea why the crowds are staying away.

Moreover a cup of sub-standard tea costs 20p and biscuits that can be bought for 6p in a supermarket sell for three times as much.

It's no wonder people are staying away!

Shae Bailey (14), Hove, Sussex.

GOLDEN GOOF

Better team loses game!

Tividale 2 Solihull Borough 20
SOLIHULL Borough again crossed swords with a West Midlands Regional League side when they visited Tividale in the F.A. Vase Preliminary Round and again suffered defeat, though the consensus of opinion on all sides was that the better team lost.

"I'M amazed! How can you lose a match 20-2 and be unlucky to lose?" asks ten-year-old Ian Shaw of Knowle, West Midlands, who spotted this Golden Goof. The scoreline should have read Tividale 2, Solihull Borough 0.

THIS season's 'get-tough' policy with defenders who commit the professional foul is having a damaging effect on British football.

Defenders are frightened to tackle around the penalty area because referees might order them off for an ill-timed challenge.

And we are already seeing the results. Four English teams went out of the UEFA Cup at the first round stage, possibly because defenders were "laying-off" rather than getting "stuck-in".

And in England's two internationals this season, we have seen Olsen of Denmark and Rummenigge of West Germany running in on the English goal with scarcely a serious challenge.

Would this have happened last season? I doubt it.
Gary Summers, Featherstone, West Yorkshire.

● **It might well have happened Gary. The 'get tough' policy you are talking about is a Football League ruling!**



Mark Chamberlain of Stoke — the best out and out winger in England, says David Powell.

I'M a Stoke City fan and, having seen Mark Chamberlain play this season, I'm convinced he is the best out-and-out winger in Britain.

He can beat players with ease, is very quick, puts over marvellous crosses and can score goals as well.

The difference in skill between Mark and Steve Coppell, who fills the right wing role for England, is immense. Coppell may be more industrious but his skills are limited.

So put Chamberlain in the England team now... and watch the sparks fly!
David Powell (18), Crewe, Cheshire.

YOU would think that the Football Association would provide better covering for managers, trainers and substitutes for matches at Wembley.

It must have been bad enough for England boss Bobby Robson watching West Germany beat his team 2-1, but sitting in the pouring rain couldn't have cheered him up any.

M. Hanlon, Coldstream, Berwickshire, Scotland.

● **If you're talking about a bit more cover, I'm sure Peter Shilton would agree with you.**

THIS time last year, all the talk was of Queen's Park Rangers' artificial turf and the flood of snide remarks made by visiting managers to Loftus Road.

Rangers' high position in Division Two last season was put down to "unfair" home advantage.

It's a different story now. Rangers went top of Division Two not because of their home victories, but because they won three of their five away matches!

So all those managers who reckon Rangers can't play on grass can eat their words!

Wade Batteson, Johannesburg, South Africa.

COULD you please explain to me and many other 'Match' readers how you judge your player ratings in 'Match Facts'.

Do you work out the player's points by analysing the newspaper and television reports or by having agents at each match?

Gary Dear (12), Hayes, Middlesex.

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MALCOLM Macdonald has done a tremendous job in reviving the fortunes of Fulham.

Craven Cottage is once again buzzing and the London club are sitting proudly at the top of the Second Division.

'Supernac' hasn't achieved success by waving his cheque book around. The only new member of staff since they gained promotion from the Third Division has been Ray Houghton a free from West Ham.

He has brought on youngsters like Sean O'Driscoll, Dean Coney and Jeff Hopkins and they are now producing the goods. Well done 'Supernac'.

David Levy (16), Wembley, Middlesex.

KROL CALL UP?

FORMER Holland captain Ruud Krol believes he could still do a good job for his country.

The 33-year-old appears to be out of the reckoning in the eyes of Dutch coach Kees Rijvers and Krol says:

"I've got to admit I'm still disappointed at not being selected for Holland.

"I've had no contact with Rijvers however so I, just carry on doing my best for my club Napoli."

And a good job he's doing too... Many of the worlds top coaches believe he is still the best sweeper in the business.

In a poll conducted by Italian sports paper Gazzetta dello Sport Krol came out tops — putting him ahead of Italy's own Gaetano Scirea, Argentina's Daniel Passarella, Austrian Bruno Pezzay and Frenchman Marius Tresor.

Says Krol: "It's always nice when national coaches appreciate what you are doing but they cannot select me for their national teams. Pity."

Schuster shocker

BERND Schuster could follow Allan Simonsen away from Barcelona — fed up with the "brutal" football played in Spain.

Ironically it was the blond West German star's presence at Barcelona which was partly responsible for Simonsen being allowed to depart.

Now it seems it is only a matter of time before Schuster too leaves the country.

"I have had offers to go back to the German Bundesliga but no club can, or wants, to match my wages at Barcelona.

"However there is the possibility of joining Monaco in France. I like their style of play.

"For the moment I am just keen to get 100 per cent fit again and regain my spot in the West German team."



Bernd Schuster — bound for France?

Clash of the day

CONTROVERSY continues to surround Argentina's World Cup skipper Daniel Passarella at his new club Fiorentina.

Following a rumpus involving the clubs chairman over Passarella's poor form, he is now the butt of considerable Italian disgust after an on-field clash with Juventus star Marco Tardelli.

Tardelli was sent off but claimed Passarella had said something to him which was "totally unacceptable".

"I am not going to repeat what he said however. That will remain a secret between myself and him," added the Italian World Cup star.

Should make for an interesting clash in the return!

● Torino's South American import Hernandez has claimed he is the second best number ten in the Italian League — ahead of Brady, Platini and Falcao!

In typically arrogant Argentine fashion, Hernandez says: "I am sure I am a stronger and better player than either Brady or Platini. The only player in my position who is better is Hansi Muller."

● Juventus striker Paolo Rossi notched up his 100th First Division appearance against Florence last month.

● Peru's star forward Uribe has announced he is fed up at Cagliari and wants to go home.

He says he is not happy with the way he is treated and he doesn't like the Italian soccer style.



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YOUNG defender Colin Gibson is haunted by a "silly" sending-off that may jeopardise his First Division prospects.

After highlighting his comeback by helping Aston Villa into the Quarter-Finals of the European Cup, full-back Colin now finds himself in the middle of a two-match ban.

And it's a worrying time for the 22-year-old who had only just returned to the senior side after an eight-month absence triggered off by nagging groin and pelvic strains.

With missing two games through suspension — the legacy of that last minute sending-off at Norwich last month — the England Under-21 international waits to see whether manager Tony Barton has enough faith in him to recall him for the big home clash with Manchester United on October 20.

Ironically, it was against United at Old Trafford last February that Colin's injury chapter began, culminating in him sadly missing out on Villa's European Cup success, although he was among the subs for the Final against Bayern Munich.

Now, having battled back into the senior ranks at the expense of Gary Williams, those explosive final seconds at Norwich may haunt him.

He was sent off with Norwich striker Keith Bertschin just a few days after his comeback game against Watford, thus encapsulating the agony and the ecstasy of football in a matter of hours.

Colin still believes he received rough justice: "To be honest, I don't think either of us should have gone. It seemed a bit silly especially as there hadn't been

GLOOMY GIBSON

VILLA FULL-BACK SWEATS OUT BAN

any previous bookings.

"But players are being sent off these days for the slightest thing.

"In a way, we are being stopped playing British football as it should be played — fair and fast."

But the fact remains that Colin now faces fierce competition for the left-back role from Gary Williams.

"I felt I kept him out because I had played consistently well since I returned, but now I'm back to square one," he says.

"But that's football and I must admit that it is good to have competition for places, especially when you are young.

"Gary is a good defensive player and he gives the team a stable base, but I feel I give the team a different dimension to the left hand side because I get

forward more often.

"I do think that my own defensive game has improved tremendously. It's something I have worked on time and time again.

"Obviously all I can do now is to wait and see what happens when my suspension finishes."

But whatever the outcome of manager Tony Barton's selection dilemma, the former Portsmouth winger believes Villa can retain the European Cup... and figure in the League Championship shake-up.

"We've only lost once in 13 European Cup matches and our defensive record in the competition is second to none with only five goals conceded," he points out.

"People have said that we're just a cup team, but that's not true.

"The Championship is wide open and any one of several teams can win it and we're definitely one of them.

"We haven't played particularly well at times, especially away from home, yet after 12 matches we were only four points behind the leaders.

"When we play against the better teams we always seem to turn it on, but when we face struggling teams we seem to struggle with them.

"In saying that, I don't mean to be disrespectful to Norwich or Notts County who beat us last month.

Capped once at England Under-21 level, Colin hopes a run in the Villa first team will enhance his chances of figuring in the England set-up again.

"I wasn't asked to play again and I was a little disappointed," he says.

"But I would love to get back and play for my country again, either as an over-age player in the Under-21's or perhaps in the 'B' team.

"And hopefully, with a few years' experience behind me, I can become one of the players in contention for the full England side.

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Left: Colin Gibson.



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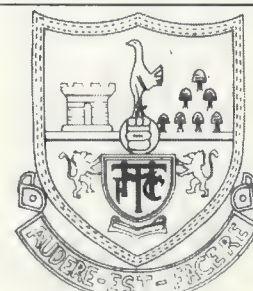
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OUR 'Top Stopper' for the last two seasons, Manchester United's Gary Bailey, faces one of the most goal-hungry teams in the First Division on Saturday.

Tottenham travel to Old Trafford for a fixture which always spells goals, thrills and atmosphere.

Last season the current First Division leaders won the match 2-0 with goals from young Scott McGarvey and England winger Steve Coppell. Gary will be hoping to keep a clean sheet again this time round.

The young Manchester United 'keeper — tipped to become England's next number one — is the special guest on 'Star Challenge' where the name of the game is forecasting results.

Each week we select 10 matches and one lucky reader gets a chance to see his or her predictions in print — alongside those of a famous player.

And this week it's the turn of Barnet, Herts, reader Andrew Raishbrook to challenge his favourite player.

You can see his predictions alongside those of Gary, in the special panel below.

Points are awarded according to how accurate the forecasts are and if Andrew manages to score more than the England 'B' goalkeeper, he will be awarded a special 'Star Challenge' certificate.

Win or lose, every reader lucky



This week Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey (above) is challenged by 'Match' reader Andrew Raishbrook (left).

THIS WEEK'S STAR GUEST

GARY BAILEY

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● **Bad luck to 'Match' reader Paul Myers of Gateshead and Kevin Skeet of Kings Lynn.**

Paul drew six points each with Newcastle striker Imre Varadi on October 30 and Kevin was beaten five points to four by Norwich defender Dave Watson on October 23.

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent.

There's a space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for

the actual result. Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong.

Match	Reader's forecast	Star's forecast	Your forecast	Result
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Aston Villa v Brighton	2-1	2-0		
Ipswich v Man. C.	1-1	3-0		
Liverpool v Coventry	3-0	4-1		
Notts C. v Birmingham	2-1	2-1		
Southampton v Nott'm F.	1-2	2-2		
Sunderland v Luton	1-3	0-1		
Watford v Stoke	2-2	1-1		
West Brom v Swansea	2-1	3-2		
West Ham v Norwich	1-0	0-1		

Saturday, November 13 DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v Everton
Aston Villa v Brighton
Ipswich v Man. C.
Liverpool v Coventry
Man. Utd v Spurs
Notts C. v Birmingham
Southampton v Nott'm F.
Sunderland v Luton
Watford v Stoke
West Brom v Swansea
West Ham v Norwich

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Chelsea
Burnley v Cambridge
Carlisle v Rotherham
Charlton v Middlesbrough
C. Palace v Leeds
Derby v Bolton
Grimsby v Fulham
Leicester v Newcastle
Oldham v Wolves
QPR v Blackburn
Shrewsbury v Sheff. Wed

DIVISION THREE

Bradford v Exeter
Bristol R. v Portsmouth
Gillingham v Doncaster
Huddersfield v Brentford
Lincoln v Cardiff
Newport v Bournemouth
Plymouth v Oxford
Preston v Chesterfield
Sheff. Utd v Southend
Walsall v Reading
Wigan v Millwall
Wrexham v Orient

FIXTURES

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot v Chester
Bury v Torquay
Hereford v Hartlepool
Mansfield v Bristol C.
Northampton v Blackpool
Peterborough v Rochdale
Port Vale v Hull
Swindon v York
Tranmere v Colchester
Wimbledon v Halifax

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Celtic v St Mirren
Dundee Utd v Rangers
Hibs v Kilmarnock
Morton v Aberdeen
Motherwell v Dundee

FIRST DIVISION

Airdrie v Alloa
Ayr v Dumbarton
Clydebank v Hearts
Dunfermline v Partick
Falkirk v Clyde
Queens Park v Hamilton
St Johnstone v Raith

SECOND DIVISION

Arbroath v Berwick
East Fife v Brechin
Meadowbank v Forfar
Montrose v East Stirling
Stenhousemuir v Queen of the South
Stirling v Albion
Stranraer v Cowdenbeath

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Saturday, Oct. 30

SCOTTISH Premier Division

CELTIC (1) 3 (McStay 18, McGarvey 67, MacLeod 87)
RANGERS (2) 2 (Prytz 16, Cooper 40)
Att: 60,408
Celtic: Bonner 6, McGrain 7, Reid 6, Aitken 7, McAdam 7, Sinclair 6, Provan 7, McStay 8, McGarvey 7, ★**MacLEOD 9**, Nicholas 8
Rangers: Stewart 6, McKinnon 7, Dawson 7, McClelland 7, Stevens 7, Bett 7, ★**COOPER 9**, Prytz 8 (sub McAdam), Johnstone 6, Russell 6 (sub MacDonald), Redford 7
Referee: B. McGinlay (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 1 (Dodds 84)
DUNDEE (0) 0
Att: 14,959
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Gough 7, Stark 6, Holt 6, Hegarty 7, Narey 7, Taylor 6 (sub Reilly 6), Phillip 6, Kirkwood 6, Milne 8, Dodds 7
Dundee: Kelly 7, Glennie 6, McKimmie 6, ★**FRASER 8**, Smith 6, McDonald 6, Scrimgeour 5 (sub Bell), Stephen 6 (sub Kidd), Davidson 6, Mackie 7, Ferguson 6
Referee: D. D. Downie (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★★

HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Murray 65)
ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Weir 90)
Att: 6,194
Hibs: McArthur 6, Sneddon 7, Duncan 6, Conroy 6, ★**McNAMARA 8**, Rae 7, Callaghan 6 (sub Robertson), Turnbull 6, Murray 6, Irvine 6, Thomson 6
Aberdeen: Gunn 6, Cooper 7, Rougvie 7, McMaster 6, McLeish 7, Miller 7, ★**STRACHAN 8**, Simpson 6 (sub Watson), Black 7, Bell 6 (sub Hewitt 6), Weir 6
Referee: H. Alexander (Irvine)
Match Rating: ★★★

MOTHERWELL (1) 4 (McLaughlin 6, McClair 68, Flavell 72, 84)
KILMARNOCK (1) 1 (McLean, pen 41)
Att: 3,016
Motherwell: Sproat 7, MacLeod 6, Forsyth 6, Carson 7, Edvaldsson 7, Mauchlen 6, McLaughlin 6 (sub McClair 6), Flavell 7, McLelland 6, ★**GAGAGAN 8**, O'Hara 7
Kilmarnock: McCulloch 6, Robertson 6, Cockburn 6, ★**McLEAN 7**, McDiarmid 6, Clarke 5, McGivern 5, Clark 6, Bourke 5, MacLeod 6, Gallagher 6
Referee: T. Muirhead (Stenhousemuir)
Match Rating: ★★★

ST MIRREN (0) 1 (Baines, og 58)
MORTON (1) 1 (Cochrane 30)
Att: 3,446
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Wilson 6, Clarke 6, ★**FITZPATRICK 7**, Fulton 6, Copland 6, Abercromby 6, McAvennie 6, McDougall 6 (sub Sommer 6), Richardson 6, Scanlon 6 (sub Stark 5)
Morton: Baines 5, Houston 6, Holmes 7, Rooney 7, McLaughlin 7, ★**DUFFY 8**, Cochrane 6, Hutchison 6 (sub Ritchie), Gavigan 6, McNab 6 (sub Docherty 5), McNeill 7
Referee: D. Syme (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★★

Second Division

ALBION v FORFAR — Match Postponed

ARBROATH (0) 1 (Shaw 58)
COWDENBEATH (0) 0
Att: 573

BRECHIN (0) 2 (Campbell 1, pen 80, pen 87)
BRECHIN (0) 0
Att: 350

EAST FIFE (2) 2 (Durie 5, Hutt 35)
STRANRAER (2) 2 (Sweeney 38, 42)
Att: 340

EAST STIRLING v QUEEN OF THE SOUTH — Match Postponed

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Quinn 56)
MEADOWBANK (1) 2 (Boyd 16, Jobson 72)
Att: 400

STIRLING (0) 2 (Steedman 50, Leetion 56)
MONTROSE (1) 3 (Copeland 13, 84, 86)
Att: 530

PLAYER RATINGS

10 Out of this world
9 Outstanding
8 Excellent
7 Good
6 Adequate
5 Off form
4 Poor

MATCH RATINGS

★★★★★ A classic
★★★★★ Good value
★★★★★ Satisfactory
★★★ Dull
★ A waste of money

Monday, Nov. 1 Division Four

STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Price, og 30, Phillips 70)
HEREFORD (0) 1 (McNeil 49)
Att: 1,736
Stockport: Lloyd 6, Smith 6, Sherlock 7
★**EMERSON 8**, Bowles 7, Thorpe 7, Williams 6, Phillips 7, Quinn 6, Park 7
Wardrobe 6 (sub Coyle 7)
Hereford: Plumley 7, Price 6, Bray 7, Hicks 6, Pejc 7, Ross 7, Lane 7, Crabbe 6, Showers 6, ★**McNEIL 8**, White 7
Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★★

Tuesday, Nov. 2 European Cup Second Round, Second Leg

LIVERPOOL (3) 5 (Kennedy 2, Dalglish, Neal, Johnston)
JK HELSINKI (Finland) (0) 0
Liverpool win 5-1 on aggregate
Att: 16,434

Division Two

CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Lockhart 35, Reilly 77)
WOLVES (0) 1 (Eves 89)
Att: 4,571
Cambridge: Webster 7, Donaldson 6, Murray 6, Turner 7, Fallon 7, ★**LOCKHART 8**, Cartwright 6, Sinton 6 (sub Spriggs), Reilly 7, Smith, K. 7, Finney 7
Wolves: Burridge 7, Humphrey 7, Palmer 6, Matthews 6, Pender 6, Coy 6, Hibbit 6, Clarke 7, Gray 6, ★**EVES 8**, Livingstone 7 (sub Butler 6)
Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0
Att: 6,263
Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 6, ★**SULLEY 8**, Spackman 6, Brignull 7, Compton 6, Carter 6, Dawkins 6, Morgan 6, Crawford 6 (sub Graham), Dawtry 6
Bristol Rovers: Kite 7, Sherwood 6, Williams, B. 7, ★**WILLIAMS, G. 8**, Parkin 7, McCaffery 6, Channon 6, Williams, D. 7, Withey 6 (sub Holloway), Randall 7, Platnauer 6
Referee: M. Bodenham (Brighton)
Match Rating: ★★★

BRENTFORD (0) 3 (McNichol 55, Kamara 58, Roberts 66)
PRESTON (0) 1 (Elliott 75)
Att: 6,142
Brentford: Roche 7, Rowe 6, Spencer 7, ★**McNICHOL 8**, Whitehead 7, Hurlock 6, Kamara 7, Bowen 7, Mahoney 6, Bowles 6, Roberts 7
Preston: Arnold 6, Westwell 6, McAteer 5 (sub Houston), ★**O'RIORDAN 7**, Walsh 6, Gowling 6, Kelly 6, Bell 6, Elliott 6, Buckley 6, Bruce 6
Referee: L. Burden (Corfe Mullen)
Match Rating: ★★★

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Windridge 24)
GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Weatherly 38, Henderson, og 48)
Att: 2,320
Chesterfield: Turner 6, Bellamy 6, Pollard 6 (sub Athersych), Wilson 7, Green 6, Henson 6, Stirk 4, Dawson 5, Henderson 4, ★**KOWALSKI 8**, Windridge 5
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 6, Adams 6, Bruce 7, Tydeman 6, Shaw 6, Powell 7, Johnson 6, ★**PRICE 8**, Grewcock 7, Weatherly 6
Referee: A. Hamil (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★★

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 3 (Lillis 61, 70, Russell 88)
DONCASTER (0) 0
Att: 6,848
Huddersfield: Cox 6, Brown 7, Burke 7, Stanton 7 (sub Pugh), Sutton 6, Hanvey 6, Lillis 7, Doyle 6, Russell 6, Wilson 7, ★**COWLING 8**, Doncaster: Peacock 6, Russell 5, ★**WATSON 7**, Snodin, I. 6, Wigginton 6, Cawthorne 6, Douglas 6, Mell 5, Austin 5, Snodin, G. 6, Lister 6
Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★★

MILLWALL (1) 2 (Chatterton, pen 44, Massey 47)
PLYMOUTH (2) 2 (Cooper 25, Madden, og 43)
Att: 3,097
Millwall: Sansome 6, ★**STEVENS 8**, Madden 6, Massey 7, Allardice 5 (sub Hayes 5), Roberts 7, Carr 6, Neal 6, Horrix 6, Martin 6, Chatterton 7
Plymouth: Crudington 7, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 6, Harrison 7, Smith 6, Cooper 7, Hodges 7, Cook 6, Sims 6, McCartney 6, ★**ROGERS 8**, Referee: D. J. Axcell (Southend)
Match Rating: ★★★

NEWPORT (1) 3 (Aldridge 26, West, og 55, Tynan 80)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 1 (Hatton 23)
Att: 5,017
Newport: Kendall 7, Jones 7, Relish 6, Oakes 8, Bailey 8, Stroud 7, Lowndes 7, Aldridge 7, Tynan 7, Vaughan 6, ★**ELSEY 9**, Sheffield United: Conroy 7, Atkins 6, Garner 6, Arnott 7, West 6, Houston 6, Morris 6, ★**CHARLES 8**, Edwards 6, Hatton 7, King 7 (sub Curran 6)
Referee: T. Glasson (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★★

ORIENT (1) 2 (Hawley 39, Sussex 89)
WALSALL (0) 1 (O'Kelly 87)
Att: 1,935
Orient: Day 7, Roffey 7, Peach 7, Foster 6, Cunningham 6, Donn 6, ★**VINCENT 8**, Lee 7, Hawley 7 (sub Godfrey 7), Sussex 6, Taylor 7
Walsall: Green 6, Bates 7, Mower 6, Beech 6, Marshall 7, Hart 6, ★**O'KELLY 8**, Pendrey 6 (sub Round 6), Kearns 6, Buckley 6, Preece 5
Referee: T. G. Bune (Berkshire)
Match Rating: ★★★

PORTSMOUTH (2) 4 (Biley 18, 31, 46, Rafferty 64)
LINCOLN (1) 1 (Bell, pen 3)
Att: 12,529
Portsmouth: Knight 6, Ross 6, Sullivan 7, Doyle 6, Howe 7, Aizlewood 7, Webb 7, Tait 6, Rafferty 7, Biley 8, ★**ROGERS 9**, Lincoln: ★**FELGATE 8**, Carr 6, Neale 6, Cockerill 7, Peake 7, Thompson 7, Burke 6, Turner 5, Hobson 5, Bell 6, Shipley 6
Referee: B. T. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★★

WREXHAM (2) 3 (Buxton, pen 11, 59, Savage 13)
SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Pennyfather 30, Greaves 89)
Att: 1,802
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, Hunt 6, Bater 7, ★**SAVAGE 8**, Downman 7, Muldoon 7, Arkwright 6, Gregory 5 (sub Edwards 6), Keay 6, Baker 6, Buxton 7

Southend: Cawston 6, Stead 6, Yates 7, Clark 6 (sub Hadley 6), Pennyfather 6, ★**CUSACK 8**, Pountney 6, Mercer 6, Greaves 6, Otulakowski 7, Nelson 7
Referee: D. Lloyd (Worcester)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Bamber 68)
TORQUAY (0) 0
Att: 2,734
Blackpool: Hesford 7, Simmonite 6, Hart 7, Deary 6, Hetzke 7, Serella 6, Hockaday 7, Mayo 6, ★**BAMBER 8**, Pashley 6, Downes 6
Torquay: Horn 7, Doyle 7, O'Donnell 6, ★**RIOCH 8**, Little 7, Bould 6, Grapes 6, Carter 6, Cooper 7, Anderson 7, Gallagher 6
Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★★

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
CHESTER (0) 0
Att: 3,942
Bristol City: Shaw 6, ★**NEWMAN 8**, Johnson 7, Nicholls 7, Boyle 6, Cooper 6, Riley 7, Economou 5, Thompson 5 (sub Williams 6), Chandler 5, Crawford 6
Chester: Salmon 6, Bradley 6, Needham 6, Storton 6, Zelem 6, Dean 6, Sloan 6, Blackwell 7, ★**THOMAS 8**, Ludlam 7, Cooke 6
Referee: L. C. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★

COLCHESTER (1) 3 (Allinson 34, McDonough 51, 60)
WIMBLEDON (0) 0
Att: 2,219
Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 7, Coleman 6, Longhorn 6, Wignall 7, Hunter 6, Allinson 7, Osborne 7, Lyons 7, ★**McDONOUGH 8**, Leslie 7
Wimbledon: ★**BEASANT 7**, Peters 6, Thomas 5, Galliers 6, Tagg 5, Morris 5 (sub Gage), Entwistle 6, Ketteridge 6, Leslie 6, Downes 5, Hodges 6
Referee: H. Taylor (Oadby)
Match Rating: ★★★

CREWE (1) 2 (Craven 43, Evans 86)
YORK (0) 1 (Smith 82)
Att: 1,633
Crewe: ★**SMITH 8**, Purdie 7, Bowers 7, Salathiel 6, Scott 7, Hanlon 5, Haslegrave 7, Sutton 7, Waller 6, Evans 7, Craven 7
York: Jones 7, Evans 6, Hay 6, ★**SBRAGIA 8**, Smith 7, Hood 6, Ford 7, Crosby 6, Walwyn 7, Byrne 7, Pollard 6
Referee: D. Richardson (Great Harwood)
Match Rating: ★★★

DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Smith 41)
ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Smith, og 43)
Att: 1,453
Darlington: Cuff 6, Brissett 6, Wilson 7, Smith 5, ★**RHODES 8**, Kamara 6, Gilbert 5, McLean 6, Honour 7, Walsh 6, Dunn 6
Aldershot: ★**JOHNSON 8**, Andruszewski 5, Gillard 6, Scott 5, Wooler 7, Jopling 6, Wood 6, Banton 5, Goddard 6, McDonald 6, Brodie 7
Referee: A. Robinson (Radcliffe)
Match Rating: ★★

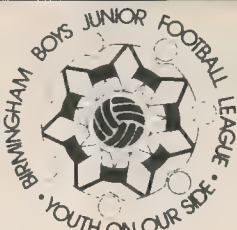
HULL (2) 2 (Marwood 39, Skipper 42)
BURY (0) 1 (Madden 78)
Att: 6,101
Hull: Norman 6, McNeil 7, Roberts D 6, Skipper 8, Booth 7, Askew 6 (sub Whitehurst), 6, Roberts, G. 6, ★**McCLAREN 9**, Woolf 6, Mutrie 6
Bury: Brown 5, Gardner 6, Parker 6, Gore 5, Hilton 7, Bramhall 5, Potts 6, Madden 6, Johnson 6 (sub Hughes 6), ★**JAKUB 8**, Cruickshank 7
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Keenan 42, Hamilton 63)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
Att: 1,029
Rochdale: Pearce 7, Keenan 7, Snookes 7, Hamilton 7, ★**WANN 8**, Williams 7, Thompson 7, Hilditch 6, French 5, Wellings 6, Martinez 6
Northampton: Freeman 6, ★**TUCKER 8**, Phillips 7, Burrows 7, Saunders 7, Healey 6, Denyer 6, Buchanan J 6, Buchanan D 6, Syrett 7, Saxby 6
Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★★
Sendings Off: Williams (Rochdale), Syrett (Northampton)



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MATCHFACTS

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Cammack 56)
PORT VALE (0) 0
Att: 3,766

Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Keeley 7, Pointon 7,
Parkinson 7, Baines 7, Hunter 6, O'Berg 6,
Cammack 7, Cowling 6, ★ANGUS 8, Leman 7

Port Vale: Siddall 6, Tarrt 7, Bromage 7,
Hunter 6 (sub. Lawrence 6), Sproson 7,
Cegielski 7, ★FOX 8, Moss 6, Newton 7,
Ridley 7, Armstrong 6.

Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)

Match Rating: ★★★

SWINDON (2) 4 (Rideout, pen 27, pen 69,
Rowland 40, Barnard 64)

TRANMERE (1) 2 (Brown 34, Kerr 49)
Att: 4,407

Swindon: Allan 7, Henry 5, Baddeley 8,
Emmanuel 7, Lewis 7, Graham 8,

★PRITCHARD 9, Batty 6, Rideout 6,
Rowland 7, Barnard 8.

Tranmere: Endersby 7, Burgess 7, Mooney 6,
Mathias 6, Powell 5, Williams 7, Mungall 7,

Aspinall 7, Kerr 7, Brown 7, ★GRIFFITHS 8.

Referee: M. Dimplebee (Stevenage)

Match Rating: ★★★

SCOTTISH Second Division

ALBION (0) 0
FORFAR (0) 1 (Allan 83)
Att: 475

Wednesday, Nov. 3 European Cup Second Round, Second Leg

ASTON VILLA (1) 4 (Shaw 3, Walters)
DYNAMO BUCHAREST (Rumania) (1) 2
(Murescu, Iordache)
Aston Villa win 6-2 on aggregate
Att: 22,244

CELTIC (1) 2 (MacLeod 2)
REAL SOCIEDAD (Spain) (1) 1 (Uralde)
Real Sociedad win 3-2 on aggregate
Att: 54,874

Other results: Widzew Lodz (Poland) 5,
Rapid Vienna (Austria) 3, (Agg. 6-5);
Olympiakos (Greece) 0, Hamburg (W.
Germany) 4, (Agg. 0-5); Juventus (Italy) 2,
Standard Liege (Belgium) 0, (Agg. 3-1).

European Cup Winners' Cup Second Round, Second Leg

BAYERN MUNICH (W. Germany) (1) 4
(Hoeness, Horsmann, Breitner, Rummenigge)
TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Hughton)
Bayern win 5-2 on aggregate
Att: 35,000

PARIS ST GERMAIN (France) (1) 2 (Kist,
Fernandez)
SWANSEA (0) 0
Paris St Germain win 3-0 on aggregate
Att: 50,000

LECH POZNAN (Poland) (0) 0
ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Bell)
Aberdeen win 3-0 on aggregate
Att: 33,000

Other results: Ujpest Dozsa (Hungary) 0,
Real Madrid (Spain) 1, (Agg. 1-4);
Waterschei (Belgium) 4, Copenhagen
(Denmark) 1, (Agg. 6-1); Austria Vienna
(Austria) 0, Galatasaray (Turkey) 1, (Agg.
4-3); Barcelona (Spain) 2, Red Star
Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 1, (Agg. 6-3); Inter
Milan 2, AZ Alkmaar (Holland) 0, (Agg.
2-1).

UEFA Cup Second Round, Second Leg

COLOGNE (W. Germany) (4) 5 (Engels 2 (pen),
Littbarski, Fischer, Allofs)
RANGERS (0) 0
Cologne win 6-2 on aggregate
Att: 61,000

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0
VIKING STAVANGER (Norway) (0) 0
Dundee United win 3-1 on aggregate
Att: 10,611

Other results: Craiova (Rumania) 3,
Shamrock Rovers (Eire) 0, (Agg. 5-0); Banik
Ostrava (Czech) 0, Valencia (Spain) 0, (Agg.
0-1); Bohemians Prague (Czech) 4, St
Etienne (France) 0, (Agg. 4-0); Sarajevo
(Yugoslavia) 4, Cornicul (Rumania) 0, (Agg.
8-4); Brage (Sweden) 2, Werder Bremen
(W. Germany) 6, (Agg. 2-8); Bordeaux
(France) 4, Hadjuk Split (Yugoslavia) 0,
(Agg. 5-4); Haarlem (Holland) 1, Moscow
Spartak (USSR) 3, (Agg. 1-5); Lokeren
(Belgium) 1, Benfica (Portugal) 2, (Agg.
1-4); Kaiserslautern (W. Germany) 2, Napoli
(Italy) 0, (Agg. 4-1); Norrkoping (Sweden)
1, Roma (Italy) 0, (Agg. 1-1 — Roma win on
pens); Seville (Spain) 4, POAK Salonika
(Greece) 0, (Agg. 4-2); FC Zurich
(Switzerland) 1, Ferencvaros (Hungary) 0,
(Agg. 2-1).

Division Three

BRADFORD (2) 3 (McNiven 4, Campbell 44,
67)
OXFORD (1) 2 (Whatmore 15, 88)
Att: 6,171

Bradford: McManus 7, Podd 7, Chapman 7,
★LESTER 8, Cooke 7, McFarland 7, Gray 6
(sub. Jackson 6), Ellis 6, Campbell 6, McNiven
7, Mellor 7.
Oxford: Butcher 7, Linney 6 (sub. Foley),
Grant 6, Thomas 7, Briggs 6, Shotton 7, Brock
6, Jones 6, Vinter 6, Whatmore 7,
★HEBERD 8.
Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton)

Match Rating: ★★★

EXETER (1) 2 (Rogers, P 42, Kellow, pen 78)
WIGAN (0) 1 (Weston 81)
Att: 2,399

Exeter: Bond 6, Howarth 7, Viney 7, Harle 6,
Hatter 5, McEwan 6, ★NEVILLE 8, Rogers, P
5, Kellow 5, Delves 5, Pullar 5.
Wigan: Tunks 6, Langley 6, Butler 5, Glenn 6,
Walsh 5, Methven 6, Sheldon 5, Weston 5,
Bradd 5, Houghton 6, ★GEMMILL 8.
Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)

Match Rating: ★★

Sending Off: Walsh (Wigan)

READING (1) 1 (Sanchez 15)
CARDIFF (1) 2 (Bennett, G 42, Dwyer 61)
Att: 2,982

Reading: Fearon 5, Williams 6, Richardson 6,
(sub. White 6), Beavon 6, Hicks 6, Wood 6,
Bason 6, Kearney 5, Dixon 6, Sanchez 6,
★DOHERTY 7.
Cardiff: Thomas 6, Jones 6, Bodin 6, Micallef
6, Dwyer 7, ★BENNETT, G 8, Bennett, D 7,
Ingram 6 (sub. Tong 6), Gibbins 6,
Hemmerman 6, Lewis 7.
Referee: D. S. Vickers (Ilford)

Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
MANSFIELD (2) 4 (Caldwell 32, Nicholson
40, Woodhead, pen 46, Ayre 55)
Att: 1,325

Hartlepool: Watson 5, Brown 5, Stimpson 6,
Hogan 5, ★BIRD 7, Linighan 5, Staff 6,
Smith 5 (sub. Hamilton 6), Lawrence 5,
Johnson 5, Barker 5.
Mansfield: Arnold 6, Blackhall 7, Reynolds
6, Woodhead 6, Ayre 7, Bird 7 (sub.
Dungworth), Matthews 6, Sindall 6, Waddle
7, ★CALDWELL 8, Nicholson 7.
Referee: M. J. Peck (Kendal)

Match Rating: ★

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Firm 5, Small 68)
HALIFAX (0) 1 (Nobbs 46)
Att: 2,038

Peterborough: Seaman 6, Rayment 6, Imlach
6, Gynn 7, Firm 7, Slack 6, Clarke 6, Quow 6,
Collins 6, ★BENJAMIN 8, Chard 6 (sub.
Small 6).
Halifax: Smelt 6, Nobbs 7, Goodman 5 (sub.
Carr 5), Evans 6, Smith 6, Hendrie 5, Ward 6,
Davison 6, ★ALLATT 8, Spooner 5, Wood 6.
Referee: I. Borrett (Suffolk)

Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Second Division

EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (Gibson 35)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 2 (Blair, og 70,
Coughlin 90)
Att: 95

Cut out and keep

MATCHFACTS MATCHFACTS

Friday, Nov. 5

Division Three

SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Greaves 53)
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0
 Att: 3,480
Southend: Cawston 7, Stead 8, Yates 6, Clark 6, Otulakowski 8, Cusack 8, ★**POUNTNEY 9**, Greaves 6, Mercer 7, Pennyfather 5, Nelson 8.
Bristol Rovers: Kite 7, Sherwood 7, Williams 8, Williams 6, G. G. ★**PARKIN 8**, McCaffery 7, Channon 6, Williams 6, D. 7, Withey 5, Platnauer 6 (sub Randall 6), Holloway 6.
Referee: A. Grey (Great Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

COLCHESTER (2) 2 (Lyons 9, 45)
MANSFIELD (0) 0
 Att: 2,009
Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 6, Coleman 6, ★**LONGHORN 8**, Wignall 7, Hunter 6, Allinson 7, Osborne 6, Lyons 7, McDonough 7 (sub Bremner), Leslie 6.
Mansfield: ★**ARNOLD 7**, Blackhall 6, Reynolds 6, Woodhead 5, Ayre 6, Sindall 6, Matthews 6, Dungworth 5, Waddle 5, Caldwell 6, Nicholson 6.
Referee: J. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Cook (Colchester)

HALIFAX (1) 2 (Spooners 9, Smith 87)
HEREFORD (1) 2 (White, pen 18, McNeil 53)
 Att: 1,065
Halifax: Smelt 6, Nobbs 6, Carr 5, ★**EVANS 7**, Smith 5, Hendrie 6, Ward 5 (sub Goodman), Davison 6, Allatt 6, Spooner 5, Wood 5.
Hereford: Plumley 7, Price 7, Bray 6, Hicks 7, Pejic 7, Ross 6, Lane 7, Crabbe 6, Showers 7 (sub Bartley), McNeil 7, ★**WHITE 8**.
Referee: P. Willis (Meadowfield)
Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, Nov. 6

Division One

BIRMINGHAM (0) 2 (Dillon, pen 74, Blake 79)
WEST BROM (1) 1 (Eastoe 37)
 Att: 18,250
Birmingham: Coton 6, Hagan 6, Van den Hauwe 6, Stevenson 6, Blake 7, Broadhurst 7, ★**DILLON 8**, Brazier 6, Ferguson 6, Curbishley 7, Handysides 7.
West Brom: Godden 6, ★**ZONDERVAN 7**, Statham 6, Bennett 6 (sub Cross 6), Wile 6, Robertson 6, Jol 6, Eastoe 6, Regis 5, Owen 5, Whitehead 5.
Referee: J. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Ward 84)
MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0
 Att: 18,398
Brighton: Moseley 7, Stevens 7, Nelson 7, Grealish 7, Foster 7, ★**GATTING 9**, Ryan 7, McNab 8, Robinson 8, Ward 8, Smith 8.
Man Utd: Bailey 7, Duxbury 6, Albiston 7, Moses 6, Moran 6 (sub Macari), McQueen 6, Robson 7, Muhren 7, Stapleton 6, Whiteside 7, ★**COPPELL 8**.
Referee: T. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

COVENTRY (0) 0
ASTON VILLA (0) 0
 Att: 12,076
Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 7, Roberts 8, Butterworth 7, Dyson 7, Gillespie 7, Hendrie 7, Francis 6 (sub Jacobs 6), Hateley 7, Thompson 7, ★**HUNT 8**.
Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Williams 7, Deacy 7, Evans 7, McNaught 7, ★**MORTIMER 8**, Bremner 7, Shaw 7, Withe 6, Cowans 7, Morley 7.
Referee: J. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★★

EVERTON (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (1) 5 (Rush 11, 52, 70, 85, Lawrenson 55)
 Att: 52,741
Everton: Southall 4, Borrows 5, ★**BAILEY 7**, Keeley 4, Wright 5, McMahon 5, Heath 4, Johnson 5 (sub Richardson), Sharp 6, King 5, Sheedy 6.

Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 7, Kennedy 7, Thompson 7, Johnston 7, Hansen 8, Dalglish 8 (sub Hodgson), Lee 7, ★**RUSH 9**, Lawrenson 7, Souness 7.
Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Keeley (Everton)

LUTON (0) 2 (Moss 63, Walsh 68)
ARSENAL (0) 2 (Rix 53, 55)
 Att: 16,597
Luton: Findlay 8, Turner 6 (sub Antic 7), Money 7, ★**HORTON 9**, Goodyear 8, Donaghy 7, Hill 8, Stein 7, Walsh 8, Fuccillo 7, Moss 8.
Arsenal: Wood 8, O'Shea 6, Sansom 8, Talbot 7, O'Leary 8, Whyte 7, Davis 7, Sunderland 8, Robson 7, Woodcock 8, ★**RIX 9**.
Referee: E. A. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER CITY (1) 2 (Reeves 10, McDonald 66)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
 Att: 25,115
Man City: Corrigan 6, Ranson 6, McDonald 7, Bond 6, ★**POWER 8**, Caton 6, Tueart 7, Reeves 7, Cross 6, Hartford 7, Baker 6.
Southampton: Shilton 7, Baker 7, Rofe 6, Williams 7, Nicholl 6, Wright 6, Holmes 5 (sub Puckett), Moran 6, Cassells 6, Armstrong 5, ★**WALLACE 8**.
Referee: M. Scott (Nottinghamham)
Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (0) 1 (Deehan 69)
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 2 (Mair 52, Christie 87)
 Att: 13,472
Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 7, Hareide 6, McGuire 7 (sub Mendham), Walford 6, Watson 6, Barham 5, O'Neill 6, Deehan 7, Van Wyk 7, ★**BENNETT 9**.
Notts County: Avramovic 7, Goodwin 6, Worthington 6, Hooks 7, Kilcline 7, Richards 7, Chiedoie 7, Christie 7, McCulloch 7, Clarke 7, ★**MAIR 8**.
Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 2 (Robertson, pen 66, Osman, og 81)
IPSWICH (0) 0
 Att: 17,461
Nott'm Forest: Van Breukelen 6, Swain 8, Gunn 6, Todd 8, Young 7, Bowler 6, ★**PROCTOR 9**, Wallace 6, Birtles 7, Hodge 6, Robertson 8.
Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 6, Gernon 6, Thijssen 6 (sub O'Callaghan 6), Osman 5, Butcher 6, Wark 6, ★**MCALL 8**, D'Avray 6, Brazil 7, Gates 6.
Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe)
Match Rating: ★★

STOKE (4) 5 (O'Callaghan 13, Hampton 29, Thomas 42, McIlroy 44, 76)
WEST HAM (1) 2 (Stewart, pen 43, Pike 77)
 Att: 17,589
Stoke: Harrison 7, Parkin 6, Hampton 7, Bracewell 7, Watson 8, McLaughrie 7, Maguire 6, McIlroy 7, O'Callaghan 7 (sub Berry), Thomas 8, ★**CHAMBERLAIN, M 9**.
West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart 6, Brush 5, Bonds 7, Martin 7, ★**DEVONSHIRE 8**, Van der Elst 7, Goddard 6, Clark 7, Allen 6, Pike 7.
Referee: F. Roberts (Clwyd)
Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (2) 3 (Curtis 8, 65, James, R 44)
SUNDERLAND (0) 0
 Att: 10,034
Swansea: Davies 6, Lewis 6, Marustik 6 (sub James, L 7), Charles 7, Mahoney 7, Rajkovic 6, ★**CURTIS 8**, James, R 7, Walsh 7, Stevenson 6, Stanley 7.
Sunderland: Turner 6, Nicholl 6, Munro 5, Hindmarch 5, Chisholm 6, ★**PICKERING 7**, Buckley 6 (sub Atkins 5), Rowell 6, McCorst 6, West 6, Venison 5.
Referee: R. G. Milford (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 0
WATFORD (0) 1 (Taylor 87)
 Att: 42,215
Spurs: Clemence 8, Hughton 7, ★**MILLER 9**, Brooke 8, Lacy 8, Perryman 7, Mabbitt 7, Archibald 7, Villa 6 (sub Hazard 8), Hoddle 7, Crooks 7.
Watford: Sherwood 8, Rice 7, Rostrom 7, Taylor 8, Sims 7, Bolton 8, ★**CALLAGHAN 9**, Blissett 8, Jenkins 8, Jaxett 8, Barnes 8.
Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BLACKBURN (2) 3 (Garner 24, 57, Hamilton 38)
CARLISLE (1) 2 (Shoulder 18, 53)
 Att: 5,204
Blackburn: Gennoe 5, Branagan 5, Rathbone 5, Randell 6, Mail 5, Fazackerley 5, Miller 5, Hamilton 6, Bell 5, ★**GARNER 7**, Brotherton 6.
Carlisle: ★**SWINBURNE 7**, Parker 5, Haigh 5, Ashurst 5, Larkin 5, Craig 5, Staniforth 5, Coughlin 6, Poskett 5 (sub Rushbury 4), Bannion 6, Shoulder 6.
Referee: M. J. Heath (Stoke)
Match Rating: ★★

BOLTON (0) 01 (Henry, pen 89)
SHREWSBURY (1) 4 (Petts 43, 55, Williams 58, Cross 85)
 Att: 4,879
Bolton: McDonagh 6, Berry 6, Bennett 6, McGovern 6, Jones 5, McElhinney 4, ★**FOSTER 7**, Rudge 6, Moores 6 (sub Chandler 5), Henry 5, Thompson 5.
Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 7, Williams 6, Leonard 6, ★**PETTS 9**, Pearson 7, Griffin 6, Cross 7, MacLaren 7, Brown 7, McNally 7, Bates 7.
Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE (3) 3 (Lockhart 19, Reilly 27, Finney 34)
LEICESTER (1) 1 (Lineker 11)
 Att: 5,011
Cambridge: Webster 7, Donaldson 6, Murray 6, Turner 7, Fallon 7, Lockhart 7, Cartwright 6, Nicholls 6 (sub Spriggs), ★**REILLY 8**, Smith, K 7, Finney 7.
Leicester: Wallington 6, Ramsey 6, Holmes 6, MacDonald 7, May 6, O'Neill 6, ★**LYNEX 8** (sub Friar), Lineker 7, Smith, A 6, English 6, Wilson 6.
Referee: M. L. James (Horsham)
Match Rating: ★★

CHELSEA (0) 0
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0
 Att: 15,169
Chelsea: Francis 6, Jones 6, Hutchings 5, Pates 6, Droy 6, ★**CHIVERS 7**, Walker 6, Bumstead 6, Robson 6 (sub Lee 6), Speedie 6, Fillery 5.
Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Nebbeling 6, Murphy 6, Lovell 6, Cannon 6, Hinshelwood 6, Giles 6, ★**HUGHTON 8**, Edwards 6, Mabbitt 6, Hilaire 5.
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

FULHAM (0) 0
OLDHAM (2) 3 (Wylde 32, 36, McDonough 68)
 Att: 6,897
Fulham: Peyton 6, Hopkins 6, Lock 6, O'Driscoll 6, Brown 5, Gale 5, Carr 6 (sub Parker 6), Wilson 6, Coney 6, Houghton 6, ★**LEWINGTON 7**.
Oldham: Goram 6, Edwards 6, Ryan 6, Bowden 6, Hoolekin 6, Fletcher 7, McDonough 7, Atkinson 6, Heaton 7, ★**WYLDE 8**, Palmer 7.
Referee: D. J. Axcell (Southend)
Match Rating: ★★

LEEDS (0) 1 (Connor 81)
CHARLTON (1) 2 (White 8, Harris 67)
 Att: 15,148
Leeds: Lukic 6, Cherry 6 (sub Connor 7), Gray, E 7, ★**BURNS 8**, Dickinson 6, Thomas 6, Hird 7, Butterworth 6, Worthington 6, Gray, F 6, Graham 6.
Charlton: ★**JOHNS 8**, Curtis 7, Aizlewood 7, Smith 7, Elliott 7, Berry 7, Harris 7, Bullivant 7, White 7, Robinson 6, O'Sullivan 7.
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: ★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Shearer 44, Wood 49)
BARNLEY (0) 0
 Att: 11,787
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Brownlie 7, Bolton 7, Baxter 7, Beattie 7, ★**WOOD 8**, Kennedy 7, Hankin 7, Otto 6, Bell 7, Shearer 7.
Barnley: ★**HORN 8**, Joyce 6, Chambers 6, Glavin 5, Banks 6, McCarthy 6, Souter 5, Campbell 6, Parker 5 (sub Cunningham 5), Ronson 7, Birch 6.
Referee: N. M. Glover (Chorley)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Ronson (Barnley)

NEWCASTLE (1) 3 (Waddle 18, Keegan 64, Varadi 85)
BURNLEY (0) 0
 Att: 20,996
Newcastle: Carr 7, Anderson 8, Wharton 8, Martin 6 (sub McDonald), Carney 7, Haddock 7, Keegan 7, McCreery 6, Varadi 6, McDermott 6, ★**WADDLE 9**.
Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 6, Wharton 7, Phelan 6, ★**HOLT 8**, Scott 6, Dobson 7, Steven 6, Hamilton 7, McGee 6, Young 6.
Referee: A. Challinor (Maltby)
Match Rating: ★★

ROTHERHAM (0) 0
QPR (0) 0
 Att: 7,402
Rotherham: Mountford 7, Forrest 7, Breckin 6, Henson 7, ★**HUGHES 8**, Green 7, Townner 7, Gow 6, Moore 6, Seaman 7, McBride 6.
QPR: ★**HUCKER 8**, Neill 6, Dawes 7, Waddock 6, Hazell 7, Fenwick 6, Micklewhite 7, Stewart 7 (sub Sealy), Allen 7, Stainrod 6, Gregory 6.
Referee: K. W. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 2 (Bannister, pen 54, 80)
DERBY (0) 0
 Att: 17,703
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Sterland 7, Bailey 6, Smith 7, Lyons 7, Shelton 7, ★**MEGSON 8**, Taylor 7, Bannister 7, McCulloch 6, Mirocevic 7.
Derby: Cherry 7, Barton 7, Buckley 6, ★**POWELL 8**, Foster 7, Skivington 6, Brolly 7, Mills 7, Wilson 6, Hill 5, Dalziel 6.
Referee: D. B. Allison (Lancaster)
Match Rating: ★★

WOLVES (1) 3 (Gray 15, Eves 46, Clarke 63)
GRIMSBY (0) 0
 Att: 12,701
Wolves: Burridge 7, Humphrey 6, Palmer 6, ★**HIBBITT 8**, Gallagher 6, Coy 6, Daniel 6, Clarke 7, Gray 7, Eves 7, Matthews 6.
Grimsby: Grotler 6, Moore, D 6, ★**CUMMING 7**, Whitlock 6, Stone 5, Speight 5, Kilmore 5 (sub Crosby 6), Whymark 6, Drinkell 6, Bonnyman 6, Ford 5.
Referee: H. W. King (Merthyr Tydfil)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Lillis 52)
 Att: 5,194
Bournemouth: Leigh 7, ★**HEFFERNAN 8**, Sulley 7, Spackman 6, Brignull 7, Compton 6, Carter 6, Webb 7 (sub Graham 6), Morgan 7, Crawford 6, Dawtry 6.
Huddersfield: ★**COX 8**, Brown 7, Burke 7, Stanton 7, Sutton 7, Hanvey 6, Lillis 7, Doyle 6, Russell 6, Wilson 7, Cowling 7.
Referee: T. Bune (Newbury)
Match Rating: ★★

BRENTFORD (0) 0
BRADFORD (1) 2 (McNiven 42, Jackson 59)
 Att: 6,669
Brentford: Roche 6, Rowe 7, Spencer, McNichol 6, Whitehead 6, Hurlock 6, Kamara 7, Joseph 7, Mahoney 6, ★**BOWLES 8**, Roberts 7.
Bradford: McManus 7, Podd 7, Chapman 7, Lester 7, Cooke 7, McFarland 8, ★**ELLIS 9**, Jackson 7, Campbell 7, McNiven 8, Mellor 7.
Referee: E. A. Crickmore (Plymouth)
Match Rating: ★★

CARDIFF (3) 3 (Hemmerman 8, Bennett, D 20, Ingram 39)
PRESTON (0) 1 (O'Riordan 67)
 Att: 5,546
Cardiff: Thomas 7, Jones 7, Bodin 7, Micallef 6, Dwyer 7, Bennett, G 7, Bennett, D 8, ★**INGRAM 9**, Gibbins 6, Hemmerman 7, Lewis 7.
Preston: ★**ARNOLD 8**, Naughton 6, McAteer 6 (sub Houston 5), O'Riordan 6, Coleman 6, Cowling 6, Kelly 5, Bell 5, Elliott 5, Buckley 6, Bruce 6.
Referee: R. S. Lewis (Great Bookham)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Walker 46)
LINCOLN (1) 3 (Hobson 34, 69, Bell 82)
 Att: 4,265
Chesterfield: Turner 6, Bellamy 6, O'Neill 6 (sub Dawson), Wilson 7, Green 7, Henson 6, Strik 5, ★**KINSEY 8**, Walker 6, Kowalski 7, Windridge 6.
Lincoln: Filgate 7, Carr 6, Neale 6, Cockerill 8, Proke 6, Thompson 6, Burke 6, Turner 6, ★**HOBSON 9**, Bell 6, Shipley 7.
Referee: B. Newsome (Brosely)
Match Rating: ★★

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EXETER (3) 4 (Kellow 18, Delve 32, 62, Neville 34)
WALSALL (0) 3 (Buckley 71, 74, Round 90)
 Att: 2,600
Exeter: Bond 6, Howarth 8 (sub. Rogers, M 5), Viney 6, Harle 6, Hatter 6, McEwan 6, Neville 7, Rogers, P 5, Kellow 7, **★DELVE 9**, Pullar 6
Walsall: Green 6, Bates 5, Mower 5, Beech 7, (sub. Round 6), Sinnott 6, Hart 6, O'Kelly 6, Caswell 5, Kearns 5, **★BUCKLEY 8**, Preece 7
Referee: T. Glasson (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

MILLWALL (1) 1 (Neal 44)
WREXHAM (0) 1 (Muldoon 61)
 Att: 2,943
Millwall: Sansome 6, Stevens 7, Robinson 7, Massey 6, Allardice 6, **★ROBERTS 8**, Horrie 6, Neal 7, Aylott 7, Martin 6, West 6
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, Hunt 6, Bate 7, Savage 6, Dowman 7, Muldoon 7, **★ARKWRIGHT 8**, King 6, Kearney 6, Hill 6, Buxton 7
Referee: D. Brazier (Northampton)
Match Rating: ★★

ORIENT (1) 1 (Godfrey 25)
WIGAN (1) 1 (Houghton 13)
 Att: 2,266
Orient: Day 7, Roffey 7, Peach 6, Cunningham 7, Donn 7, Vincent 7, Lee 7, **★GODFREY 8**, Sussex 7, Taylor 7
Wigan: **★TUNKS 8**, Cribley 7, Glenn 7, Butler 7, Walsh 7, Methven 6, Sheldon 7, Weston 7, Bradd 7, Houghton 7, Gemmill 6
Referee: J. E. Bray (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Rogers 78)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0
 Att: 12,212
Portsmouth: Knight 6, Ross 6, Sullivan 5, Doyle 6, Howe 6, **★AIZLEWOOD 7**, Webb 6, Tait 5, Rafferty 5, Biley 5, Rogers 6
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 6, Adams 5, **★BRUCE 7**, Shaw 6, Tydeman 5, Powell 6, Johnson 5, Cascarino 5, Grewcock 5 (sub. Price), Weatherly 5
Referee: K. Cooper (Pontypridd)
Match Rating: ★★

OXFORD (0) 0
SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0
 Att: 6,201
Oxford: Butcher 6, Linney 6, Grant 5, Fogg 7, **★HEBBERT 8**, Shotton 7, Brock 6, Jones 5, Vinter 6, Whatmore 6, Thomas 5
Sheff Utd: Conroy 7, Atkins 6, Garner 7, McHale 5, Houston 7, Kenworthy 6, Morris 6, Trusson 6, Edwards 5, **★HATTON 8**, Charles 5
Referee: E. J. Scales (Ware)
Match Rating: ★★

READING (3) 4 (Dixon 9, 28, 84, Stant 17)
NEWPORT (2) 2 (Bailey 23, Tynan, pen 32)
 Att: 3,058
Reading: Fearon 6, Williams 6, White 7, Beavon 7, Hicks 6, Kearney 5, Bason 6, Stant 7, **★DIXON 8**, Doherty 6, Donnellan 5
Newport: Kendall 5, Jones 5, Relish 6, Bailey 6, Oakes 5 (sub. Moore), Stroud 5, Lowndes 6, Aldridge 6, Tynan 6, **★VAUGHAN 7**, Elsey 6
Referee: M. J. Taylor (Deal)
Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Stroud (Newport)

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (2) 2 (Mayo 14, Bamber 38)
CREWE (0) 0
 Att: 3,443
Blackpool: Hesford 7, Simmonite 7, Hart 7, Deary 7, Hetzke 8, Serella 6 (sub. Stewart 6), Hockaday 7, Mayo 6, **★BAMBER 9**, Pashley 6, Downes 7
Crewe: **★SMITH 9**, Purdie 6, Bowers 6, Salathiel 6 (sub. Jones 6), Scott 6, Hanlon 6, Haslegrave 6, Sutton 6, Waller 7, Evans 6, Craven 7
Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL CITY (0) 2 (Riley 58, Chandler 70)
STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Quinn 68, Newman, og 70)
 Att: 4,629
Bristol City: **★SHAW 8**, Newman 7, Johnson 6, Nicholls 7, Boyle 6, Riley 6, Economou 7, Williams 6, Cooper 6, Chandler 7, Crawford 6
Stockport: Lloyd 6, Rutter 7, Sherlock 6, Emerson 7, **★BOWLES 8**, Thorpe 7, Williams 6, Phillips 6, Quinn 7, Park 6, Coyle 6
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTER (0) 0
BURY (1) 1 (Parker 17)
 Att: 2,023
Chester: Salmon 6, Bradley 6 (sub. Simpson 5), Needham 5, Storton 7, Zelem 6, Dean 5, **★SLOAN 8**, Blackwell 7, Thomas 6, Ludlam 7, Cooke 6
Bury: Brown 6, Gardner 7, Davies 7, Gore 6, Hilton 5, Bramhall 6, Firth 7, Madden 7, **★PARKER 8**, Jakub 6, Cruickshank 6
Referee: G. Napthine (Loughborough)
Match Rating: ★★

DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Walsh 28)
SWINDON (0) 0
 Att: 1,334
Darlington: Cuff 7, Brissett 6, Wilson 7, Smith 6, Rhodes 7, **★KAMARA 9**, Gilbert 6, McLean 6, Honour 7, Walsh 8, Dunn 6
Swindon: Allan 6, Bayerstock 6, Baddeley 6, **★EMMANUEL 8**, Lewis 6, Graham 7, Hughes 6, Batty 6, Rideout 7, Rowland 5, Barnard 7
Referee: D. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★★

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Linacre 86)
WIMBLEDON (0) 0
 Att: 1,081
Hartlepool: Wright 8, Brown 6, Stimpson 7, **★HOGAN 9**, Bird 8, Linaghan 8, Lowe 7, Staff 6, Lawrence 5, Linacre 6, Barker 6
Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Peters 7, Thomas 7, **★DIBBLE 8**, Tagg 6, Morris 6, Belfield 5, Fishenden 6, Leslie 4, Downes 7, Hodges 6
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★

HULL (2) 4 (Marwood 15, pen 40, Woof 48, Slack, og 79)
PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Clarke 28)
 Att: 5,535
Hull: Norman 5, McNeil 6, Booth 7, Roberts, D 5, Skipper 6, Davis 6, **★MARWOOD 9**, McClaren 7, Woof 6, Mutrie 6 (sub. Whitehurst 6), Roberts, G 8
Peterborough: Seaman 6, Rayment 6, Imlach 5, Gynn 7, Firm 5, Slack 5, **★CLARKE 8**, Quow 6 (sub. Collins 6), Small 7, Benjamin 6, Chard 5
Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★

ROCHDALE (1) 3 (French 42, Wellings 52, 61)
PORT VALE (0) 3 (Hunter 66, Moss 85, Greenhoff 87)
 Att: 2,234
Rochdale: Pearce 6, Keenan 7, Snookes 7, Farrell 6, Wann 6, Williams 7, Thompson 6, Greaves 6, French 7, **★WELLINGS 8**, Hilditch 5
Port Vale: Siddall 6, Tarrt 5, Bromage 6, **★HUNTER 8**, Sproson 7, Cegielski 6, Fox 7, Moss 7, Newton 6, Ridley 7 (sub. Greenhoff 7), Armstrong 5
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★

SCUNTHORPE (1) 5 (O'Berg 45, 53, Cammack 72, 85, 87)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Massey 57)
 Att: 3,412
Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Keeley 6, Baines 7, Hunter 7, Pointon 6, Parkinson 7, Angus 7, Leman 7, O'Berg 7, Cowling 6, **★CAMMACK 8**
Northampton: **★KEY 8**, Tucker 6, Phillips 7, Saunders 6, Burrows 6, Heeley 7, Denyer 6, Buchanan, J 6, Syrett 6 (sub. Buchanan, D), Saxby 6, Massey 7
Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
Match Rating: ★★

TORQUAY (1) 3 (Cooper 18, Rioch, pen 70, Anderson 82)
TRANMERE (0) 0
 Att: 2,545
Torquay: Horn 7, Doyle 7, O'Donnell 5, Rioch 7, Little 7, Bould 7, Grapes 6, Carter 6, Cooper 7, **★ANDERSON 8**, Gallagher 6
Tranmere: **★ENDERSBY 8**, Burgess 6, Mooney 6, Mathias 6, Mungall 7, Williams 7, Ferguson 6, Aspinall 5 (sub. Powell), Kerr 7, Brown 6, Griffiths 7
Referee: A. Robinson (Waterlooville)
Match Rating: ★★

YORK (2) 4 (Pollard, pen 27, 36, Byrne 60, 65)
ALDERSHOT (0) 0
 Att: 1,743
York: Jones 7, Evans 7, Hay 7, Shragia 7, Smith 7, Hood 7, Ford 7, Crosby 7, Walwyn 7, Byrne 7, **★POLLARD 8**
Aldershot: Johnson 6, Andruszewski 5, Gillard 6, Scott 6, Wooler 6, Jopling 6 (sub. Banton 5), Shrub 6, **★WOOD 7**, Goddard 6, McDonald 6, Brodie 6
Referee: R. A. Banks (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Gillard and Goddard (Aldershot)

SCOTTISH Premier Division

ABERDEEN (3) 5 (Cooper 23, Rougvie 28, 40, Black 72, Strachan 85)
DUNDEE UNITED (1) 1 (Gough 19)
 Att: 14,000
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 7, Rougvie 6, Cooper 7, McLeish 7, Miller 7, Strachan 7, Simpson 6, McGhee 7, Black 6, **★WEIR 8**
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 6, Gough 6, Stark 6, Holt 7, Hegarty 7, Narey 6, Bannan 7, **★MILNE 8**, Kirkwood 7, Malpas 6, Dodds 6 (sub. Reilly)
Referee: G. Smith (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE (0) 2 (Fraser 64, 76)
CELTIC (3) 3 (Nicholas, pen 23, Burns 38, McGarvey 45)
 Att: 11,681
Dundee: Kelly 6, Glennie 7, McKimmie 6 (sub. Bell 7), Stephen 6, Smith 7, MacDonald 7, **★FRASER 8**, Scrimgeour 6, Ferguson 7 (sub. Kidd 6), Davidson 6, Mackie 6
Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 6, Sinclair 6, Aitken 7, McAdam 7, MacLeod 7, **★PROVAN 8**, McStay 6, McGarvey 7, Burns 6, Nicholas 6
Referee: A. Waddell (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

KILMARNOCK (1) 3 (Clark 23, Gallagher 55, Bourke 78)
MORTON (0) 1 (McNeill 66)
 Att: 1,850
Kilmarnock: McCulloch 7, Robertson 7, Cockburn 6, **★CLARK 8**, McDicken 6 (sub. McClurg), Clarke 6, McGivern 6 (sub. Bourke), McLean 6, Gallagher 7, MacLeod 7
Morton: Kyle 6, Houston 7, Holmes 6, Duffy 6 (sub. Docherty 6), McLaughlin 7, Rooney 6, McNeill 6, Cochran 7 (sub. Hutchison), Gavigan 6 (sub. Hiffins), **★MCNAB 8**
Referee: A. Huett (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (1) 4 (MacDonald 10, 85, Dalziel 48, 51)
MOTHERWELL (0) 0
 Att: 17,000
Rangers: Stewart 7, McKinnon 6, Dawson 7, McClelland 7, Stevens 6, Bett 7, Cooper 7 (sub. Kennedy), Prytz 6, **★DALZIEL 8**, Russell 6 (sub. McPherson 6), MacDonald 6
Motherwell: Sproat 7, MacLeod 6, Forsyth 6, Edvaldsson 6, **★CARSON 8**, Flavell 6, O'Hara 7, Mauchlen 6 (sub. Forbes 6), Gahagan 6, McClair 6 (sub. Burns 7), McClelland 6
Referee: J. Duncan (Gorebridge)
Match Rating: ★★

ST MIRREN (3) 3 (Fulton 16, McAvennie 23, Sumner 38)
HIBERNIAN (0) 0
 Att: 3,660
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Wilson 6, Fulton 7, Copland 6, Clarke 7, Fitzpatrick 7, Stark 6, Abercromby 6 (sub. McDougall), **★RICHARDSON 8**, Sumner 6, McAvennie 7
Hibs: McArthur 6, Sneddon 6, Duncan 6, McNamara 6, Rae 7, Callaghan 7, Turnbull 6, Conroy 6, Thomson 6 (sub. Smith 7), Irvine 6, **★MURRAY 8**
Referee: J. Tinnons (Kilwinning)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

ALLOA (2) 2 (Holt 9, Grant 20)
DUNFERMLINE (1) 2 (Forrest 32, Morrison 61)
 Att: 1,518
Clyde (2) 3 (O'Neill 2, 77, Reilly 35)
AYR (1) 1 (Larnach 13)
 Att: 580

DUMBARTON (1) 1 (Stevenson 31)
QUEEN'S PARK (1) 1 (Grant 35)
 Att: 600
Hamilton (0) 0
Clydebank (1) 2 (Ronald 14, Croyne 89)
 Att: 877
Hearts (1) 2 (O'Connor 15, Jardine, pen 55)
Airdrie (3) 4 (Flood 21, 33, Faulds 34, Miller 85)
 Att: 5,651
Partick (1) 3 (O'Hara 12, Rutherford, og 46, Johnston 86)
St Johnstone (0) 1 (Brogan 69)
 Att: 3,160

RAITH (1) 2 (Harris 41, Spence 77)
FALKIRK (0) 1 (Oliver 78)
 Att: 1,500

Second Division

BERWICK (1) 1 (Hamilton, og 20)
EAST FIFE (0) 0
 Att: 650
Brechin (2) 3 (Patterson 18, Henderson 23, Campbell, pen 67)
Arbroath (0) 1 (Gavine 86)
 Att: 725

Cowdenbeath (0) 0
Stirling (0) 0
 Att: 700

East Stirling (1) 2 (Gibson 15, Rennie, og 61)
Stenhousemuir (0) 1 (Thomson 81)
 Att: 850

Forfar (0) 2 (Gallagher 70, Allan 83)
Montrose (1) 2 (Copeland 40, McManus 53)
 Att: 625

Queen of the South (1) 1 (Gordon 7)
Meadowbank (0) 1 (Lawson 49)
 Att: 850

Albion v Stranraer — Match Postponed

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Liverpool	13	4	2	0	17	7	3	2	2	12	5	25
Man. City	13	5	1	1	11	6	2	1	3	8	11	23
West Ham	13	4	1	1	17	6	3	0	4	10	15	22
Man. Utd.	13	4	2	0	11	4	2	2	3	7	8	22
Nott'm For.	13	5	1	1	13	5	2	0	4	10	15	22
Watford	13	4	2	0	17	3	2	1	4	8	11	21
Stoke	13	4	2	1	19	12	2	1	3	9	8	21
West Brom	13	5	0	1	13	4	2	0	5	8	16	21
Tottenham	13	4	1	2	21	8	2	1	3	4	10	20
A. Villa	13	5	0	1	18	5	1	5	5	12	19	20
Coventry	13	5	1	1	9	4	0	2	4	11	18	19
Brighton	13	5	2	0	11	5	0	1	5	3	22	18
Everton	13	4	2	1	16	11	1	0	5	8	12	17
Swansea	13	5	0	2	14	9	0	2	4	4	11	17
Notts Co.	13	4	1	1	9	9	1	5	5	8	15	17
Arsenal	13	2	2	2	7	6	2	3	6	8	16	15
Luton	13	2	3	2	14	11	3	3	2	13	18	15
Ipswich	13	2	1	3	11	8	1	4	2	11	8	14
Southampton	13	4	0	2	9	7	0	2	5	4	19	14
Sunderland	13	2	3	1	9	6	1	1	5	8	21	13
Norwich	13	2	2	3	10	9	0	3	3	5	14	11
Birmingham	13	2	3	2	7	9	0	2	4	2	15	11

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sheff. Wed.	13	5	1	1	15	7	4	1	1	14	8	29
Wolves	13	6	0	1	16	5	2	3	1	4	2	27
Q.P.R.	14	5	1	1	14	6	3	2	2	5	4	27
Fulham	13	4	2	1	15	9	3	1	2	13	10	24
Leeds	13	4	2	1	12	7	2	3	1	7	6	23
Grimsby	13	4	2	0	11	2	3	0	4	10	15	23
Oldham	13	2	3	1	10	9	3	2	2	10	8	20
Leicester	13	2	0	4	9	6	2	1	4	15	8	19
Newcastle	13	3	2	2	9	8	2	1	3	12	12	18
Chelsea	13	3	4	0	11	4	1	1	4	5	10	17
Barnsley	13	2	3	1	11	8	2	2	3	6	8	17
C. Palace	13	4	2	0	10	3	0	3	4	4	10	17
Carlisle	13	4	0	2	16	10	1	2	4	11	19	17
Shrewsbury	13	3	1	2	8	7	2	1	4	9	13	17
Charlton	13	3	1	2	9	6	2	1	4	10	19	17
Blackburn	13	4	1	2	15	9	1	0	5	4	16	16
Rotherham	13	2	3	2	8	11	1	3	2	6	9	15
Middlesbro	13	3	1	3	9	14	0	4	2	6	11	14
Cambridge	14	3	3	1	12	9	0	1	6	5	13	13
Burnley	13	2	1	3	9	8	1	0	6	9	18	10
Bolton	13	2	1	4	9	13	0	1	5	1	10	8
Derby	13	1	2	3	4	11	0	3	4	6	13	8

MATCH WINNERS

The six lucky winners of the 'Spot the Difference' competition which appeared in the October 23 issue of 'Match' each win super Dunlop sports gear — Superstar boots, Superstar trainers and a holdall.
 They are: Nigel Thomas, Ammanford, Dyfed; Gary Maddison, Ferryhill, Co Durham; Ian Taylor, Winsford, Cheshire; Justin Crosby, Newquay, Cornwall; Henry Edge, Birkenhead, Merseyside; and Kevin McKenna, Cowley, Oxford.
 The winners of the Liverpool quiz which appeared in the same issue each receive a copy of the club's official annual for 1983 and they are:
 Mark Stringer, Sheffield; S. Waddon, Balham, London; Ashley Carr, Crowland, Peterborough; Gary Capon, Eastbourne, Sussex; Ian Atkins, Chelmsford, Essex; and T. Pearson, Kemsing, Kent.

AS he bids to salvage his shattered First Division career with Birmingham, forgotten striker Mike Ferguson insists: "I wasn't an expensive failure at Everton."

He played only eight First Division games last season following his £280,000 move from Coventry, and he's now available at a knock-down price of £75,000.

But, despite his season of despair in the Merseyside wilderness, the on-loan star is confident he can rebuild his career back in the Midlands where he made his name.

"I've got just a few games to convince Birmingham that I am the man for the job but I would like to make the move a permanent one," he says.

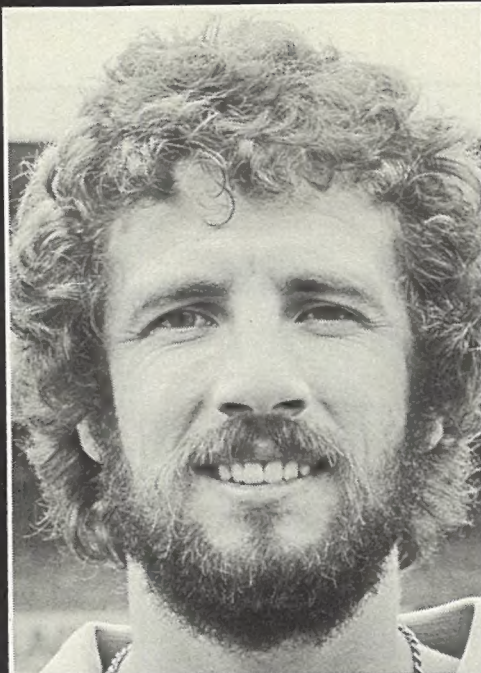
"There's just no point in returning to Everton because I know there is no future for me there. That's more than obvious.

"If you play badly when you join a club then you expect to be overlooked, but I don't think I failed.

"I scored four goals in eight games which is not a bad record in the First Division, but I never got another chance.

"I know I'm desperately short of first team football but I'm confident enough about my ability to my score goals.

"I know I must prove it in a matter of a few games because you can't live on your



Mike Ferguson — hoping for a permanent move to Birmingham.

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NOW MIKE AIMS TO PROVE HIS WORTH

reputation but I've spent most of my career in the Midlands and I'm looking forward to a possible return."

The events of the past twelve months have seemed like a bad dream for Mike, who moved to Merseyside last summer having averaged around a goal every two League games in an 11-year spell with Coventry.

At the time he felt the transfer would prove the turning point in his long career, and he told 'Match Weekly':

"I've got no medals or honours to show after 11 years at Coventry, so it will be nice to think that I can win something with Everton."

But now he's virtually back at square one, returning to the Midlands in order to re-make his name as a First Division goalscorer.

"It was quite clear as last season wore on that there was no future for me at Everton," recalls Mike.

"I was more than delighted with my start for the club but after a hamstring injury, I couldn't get back in the team.

"I wasn't even contemplating leaving Everton at that time but gradually as the season went by I could see that my future was going to be elsewhere.

"I felt I deserved another chance. Apart from those early goals, I was also playing well in the reserves. I was top scorer in the reserves this season, but never had the hint of a first team chance.

"It's all been very disappointing and frustrating because at the time I felt it was the right move for me.

"But in football you have to take the rough with the smooth and it's not going to do anyone any good by belly-aching about it.

"If you let these disappointments get you down, then your whole game can fall to pieces.

"I had chances to go on loan to several clubs early in the season. Wolves, Middlesbrough, Sunderland and Newcastle all made approaches, but I didn't think a loan move at that time would be of any benefit to me.

"But the offer from Birmingham came at the right time.

"With Everton Reserves having only one game arranged during the month in question, I felt I would be better off playing in the First Division than sitting around waiting for the odd game in the reserves."

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